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Who do they want to take over Palace, Rez Cortez?

GUSTO NYO SI ABAT O SI ERAP? KAYO RIN!

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

SO WHO should replace President Macapagal-Arroyo? A deposed President? An aging general? A leftist mouthpiece? Or, heaven forbid, another actor?

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GMA told: Crack down on family

Allies, Ping offer tips to save presidency

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo's leading allies and even her critics in the Senate agree: She should do something "drastic" about her family if she is to save her presidency.

Senate President Franklin Drilon said that although Ms Arroyo was "in control of the situation" and the nation was sure to survive the latest "political turmoil," she would have to announce certain changes today when she addresses Filipinos on Independence Day.

"There must be some very significant statements about necessary reforms. She must take the initiative. Otherwise, the political situation will deteriorate," Drilon told the INQUIRER by phone from Tokyo, where he is to speak before the Filipino community there today.

Asked in what area the reforms should be made, Drilon said it should be "in the perceived—and I stress perceived—involvement" of Ms Arroyo's family in "jueteng."

Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr., a member of the ruling Lakas-CMD, and opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson made similar remarks in separate interviews with the INQUIRER.

Magsaysay said the President should "discipline" her family and get rid of the "barnacles around her."

He said the administration should be given

GMA TOLD/ A20

THE NEW military intelligence chief is Commodore Leonardo Calderon, seen here with President Macapagal-Arroyo as she meets with ambassadors in Malacañang. EDWIN BACASMAS

TAPE MAN Samuel Ong feels the heat as he speaks at a press conference in the San Carlos Seminary. REM ZAMORA

Haven, yes; but Church won't share Ong's fight

By Jerome Aning and Tarra V. Quismundo

THE CHURCH may have taken Samuel Ong temporarily in its arms but the act does not mean it shares his cause.

Manila Auxiliary Bishop Bernardino Cortez, in charge of the seminaries in the Manila archdiocese, made this clear yesterday to answer accusations that the Catholic Church was backing the former National Bureau of Investigation deputy director's call for the resignation of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"Giving shelter to and assuring the security of [Ong] belongs to the pastoral solicitude of the Church but does not necessarily make it part-sharer of the complaint," Cortez told reporters.

Cortez said it was the "authorities" then present at the San Carlos Seminary who allowed Ong to stay after he told them that he was afraid for his life.

The bishop indicated that the

HAVEN/ A8

SUSAN'S VOICE OF SOBRIETY

'We won't get anything out of this'

SUSAN Roces, widow of 2004 opposition standard-bearer Fernando Poe Jr., waits to be let in at the seminary to meet with the man who cried poll fraud. REM ZAMORA

By TJ Burgonio and Tarra V. Quismundo

IN THE midst of what looked like a gathering political storm, hers was the voice of calmness, pushing aside suggestions for another People Power uprising.

But Susan Roces was scalding when she referred to the woman in the Palace.

"No, we should not do a thing that would only add to our problems as a people. Any step we will take will be in accordance with the law," Roces said yesterday on emerging from a nearly 5-hour meeting with former National Bureau of Investigation deputy director Samuel Ong at the San Carlos Seminary in Makati.

Roces was talking to reporters who had asked if she would call on the people to mount a replay of the 1986 and 2001 bloodless People Power revolts to overthrow the Arroyo administration.

Roces rushed to the side of Ong who had expressed fear for his safety after declaring on Friday that he had a "master copy" of an audio tape which would supposedly prove a high-level conspiracy to tamper with the results of the May 2004 elections.

Roces said she came to heed the plea of a man asking for help.

"I am here as a fellow Filipino. If he wants to cry on my shoulder, I would be here," she said.

And the man did cry.

Ong and Roces hugged each other and broke into tears "like long-lost relatives who had not seen each other for many years," was how lawyer Luis Sison recalled the meeting.

"I know how he feels. I have gone through that during the canvassing, when there was suppression of what I wanted to vent, what I wanted to air," Roces said. "He became emotional because of what he is going through."

She said Ong had just one appeal: "Fair treatment under the law."

During the meeting, she, Ong and the others talked about security for the ex-NBI man and the charges he might face in court.

The controversial "master tape" was not played during the meeting, Roces said.

"Whatever his statement last night about the master tape, that's what he told me," she said.

In a gray, button-down blouse, Roces triggered a media scramble when she arrived at the 5-hectare seminary along Edsa at around 8:30 a.m. amid tight security.

WE WON'T/ A8

ATENEO WAR VETS

'New battle is now vs foes from within'

By Volt Contreras

HAVING fought the good fight against a foreign invader, these World War II veterans hope the succeeding generations will triumph over the "enemies from within."

The veterans received a tribute on Friday from the Ateneo de Manila University, their alma mater, which entered their names in an honor roll that measured, not grades, but character under fire.

Those honored were Dr. Fernando Hofileña, Fr. Francisco Perez, SJ, retired Brig. Gen. Aristeo Feraren, lawyer Venicio Jalandoni and Dr. Edmundo Nolasco. They were special guests at a pre-Independence Day program, "Sa Piling ng Mga Bayani (Heroes in our Midst)," held on the Jesuit-run institution's campus in Quezon City.

Their fellow honorees were lawyers Ramon Felipe and Manuel Antonio, who were unable to attend.

Now in their 70s and 80s, the "Atenistang Beteranos" served in various military and guerrilla units that fought the Japanese.

Except for Feraren, who formally studied to be an officer (he is a 1938 graduate of the Philippine Military Academy), they had their elite Atenean education priming them for successful civilian careers when the war broke out and changed their lives.

Nolasco and Jalandoni's college studies at the Ateneo were interrupted by the invasion.

Feraren and Hofileña had completed pre-med courses at the school when the fighting erupted.

Perez joined the Jesuits after Liberation and is now a member of the Ateneo High School faculty.

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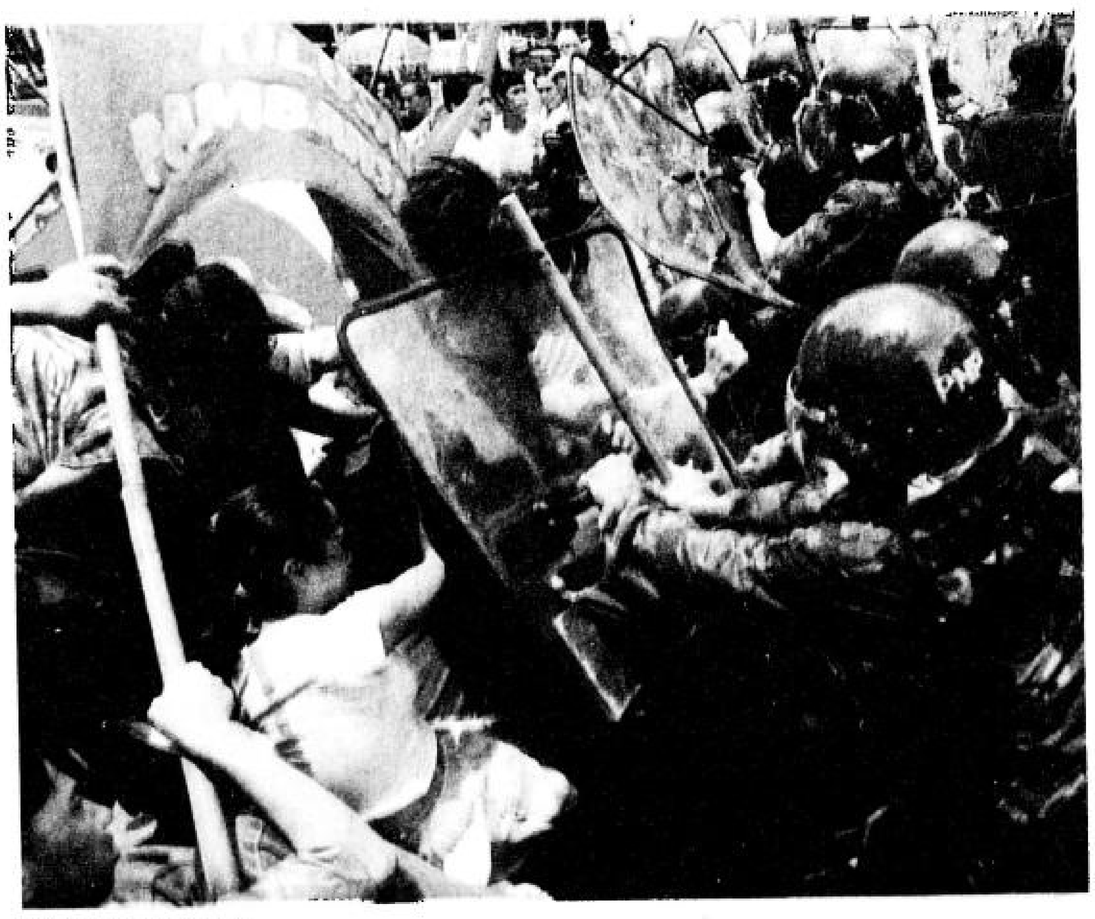

NO, YOU DON'T

Police push back protesters trying to march on the US Embassy on the "national day of mourning." AP
(Story on Page A4)

No one's jumping ship, says Drilon

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Philip C. Tubeza

SENATE President Franklin Drilon said no administration ally was jumping ship as President Macapagal-Arroyo faces coup threats while she deals with a volatile brew of scandals.

But at least one administration senator, Ramon Magsaysay Jr., showed up at the San Carlos Seminary in Makati where a dismissed National Bureau of Investigation official claiming to be holding an incriminating tape of an alleged conversation of the President had holed up with opposition supporters late Friday.

Drilon, who is in Tokyo, insisted the administration coalition in the Senate was intact.

"I'm confident our alliance is

NO ONE'S/ A20

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Ping: Tape genuine per Aussies

By Juliet Labog-Javellana,
Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Volt Contreras

THE LATEST word in the "Battle of the Tapes" is that the version released to the public by opposition lawyer Allan Paguia was the genuine one, at least according to an opposition senator.

"The GMA-Garcillano tape [of Paguia] is authentic and unaltered," Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson said yesterday, quoting what he said were the findings of Dr. Brian Lovell of Uniquest Pty Limited, a private forensic voice analysis and identification company based in Queensland, Australia.

Lacson was referring to the audio tape of an alleged phone conversation between President Macapagal-Arroyo and election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano suggesting the results of the May 2004 elections be tampered with.

Lacson said he was still awaiting Lovell's complete report, including whether the voices on Paguia's tape belonged to Ms Arroyo and Garcillano.

"We sent the specimen or standard voices of the personalities involved rather late, that's why the [findings on] the genuineness of the tape came ahead," Lacson said.

'Mother of all tapes'

He said copies of the tapes he sent to UPL were the one released by Paguia and the two tapes presented by Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye.

Bunye had said the authentic tape was the one where Ms Arroyo was talking to a political leader named "Gary" while Paguia's was the allegedly doctored tape.

Lacson said he did not know if the so-called "mother of all tapes" that former National Bureau of Investigation deputy director Samuel Ong said he had was similar to the tape UPL found to be authentic.

"This report examined the conversations to determine if there was any evidence to suggest that they had been 'interfered with,'" Lovell said in his report.

"In my professional opinion, there is no evidence that would suggest that the conversations have been altered in any way from their original recorded form," added the Lovell report, according to Lacson.

US' unequivocal position

The United States government is willing to share its expertise in determining the authenticity of the tapes held by Ong but only if the Arroyo administration seeks its help, according to its embassy here.

"The Philippine government has not asked for our assistance. If it had asked for our assistance, I will certainly send that message back and urge a positive response," said US Embassy Charge' d'Affaires Joseph Mussomeli on the sidelines of the National Day Reception in Malacanang.

"But it's not our business really," Mussomeli said.

Mussomeli maintained that Washington and other international observers had found the 2004 elections "credible."

"We believe that Gloria Arroyo is the duly-elected president, and that is our unequivocal position," he told television network GMA 7 in a phone interview Friday, transcripts of which were posted yesterday on the US Embassy website.

Asked to comment on the President's alleged wiretapped conversation that pointed to election fraud, Mussomeli said, "The bottom line for us is that we do not think that this is an issue as we see it right now that should destabilize this government."

Voice specimens

Lacson described UPL as a credible voice analysis firm used by foreign governments.

He said that besides the tapes of the phone conversations, he also sent voice specimens of Ms Arroyo, First Gentleman Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo, Garcillano and former Sen. Robert Barbers from taped interviews he had obtained from different radio stations.

He said he paid a basic fee of $5,500 for the authentication.

"I have not listened to the tape [in Ong's possession]," Lacson said.

Another drama unfolds on Edsa

By Tarra V. Quismundo

IT HAD all the elements of a political drama.

A defector from the establishment hiding in a convent. Police officers knocking on its gate in the middle of the night, wanting to arrest him. Opposition politicians coming to his succor. And three unidentified men slipping in supposedly to assassinate him.

And it all happened on Edsa, scene of two previous political uprisings that toppled presidents.

The only element missing was the huge crowds.

Tension enveloped the normally quiet San Carlos Seminary in Guadalupe, Makati City, on Friday evening soon after Samuel Ong, who claimed to have the "mother of all tapes" that could supposedly wreck President Macapagal-Arroyo politically, sought refuge inside the convent.

Soon, anti-Malacañang partisans of various political colors began trickling into the seminary.

Separately, they said their presence was meant to guarantee the safety of the former National Bureau of Investigation deputy director.

"We are here to provide legal assistance for him and to ensure his safety," said Ong's counsel, Luis Sison, who was the spokesperson of failed presidential candidate Bro. Eddie Villanueva.

As the night wore on, Senators Sergio Osmeña III, Jamby Madrigal and Jinggoy Estrada, the latter's brother, San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito, and Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, arrived one by one. Like other Ong supporters who were allowed past the seminary's tightly guarded gates, the senators said it was news reports about what was happening that made them come.

At one point, Madrigal spoke to Ong through her mobile phone.

"The people only want the truth to come out... We will not let you down," Madrigal told Ong.

Former Bureau of Internal Revenue Commissioner Liwayway Vinzons-Chato and former Ambassador Roy Señeres made similar statements to reporters, when asked why they came.

Tension heightened when some opposition members said they had heard that five men had stealthily entered the compound and that two of them, supposedly wielding guns, managed to climb to the upper floor of one of the seminary's buildings.

Reporters trailed three unidentified men seen loitering around the compound, hoping they would identify themselves.

What seemed like a game of tag ended when the three men rushed out through the front gate just before 8 p.m.

Outside the gate, dozens of opposition supporters had also gathered, led by National Council of Concerned Volunteers leaders Linggoy Alcuaz and Herman Tiu Laurel.

One of them, former Army chief Fortunato Abat, was caught by a television crewman speaking sharply to Laurel.

Don't let yourselves be used, bishops told

ADMINISTRATION lawmakers yesterday called on the country's influential Catholic bishops not to allow themselves to be used as "pawns" in the growing political crisis besetting the administration.

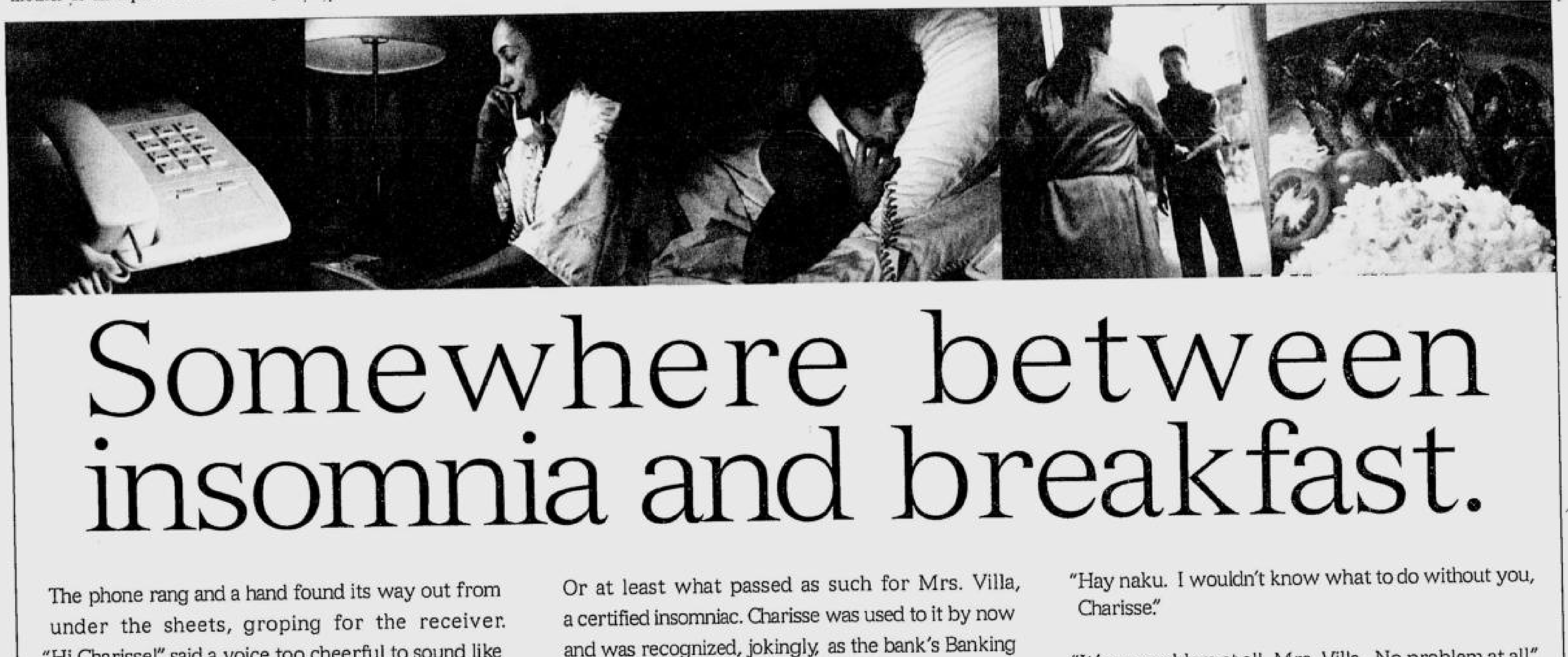
Representatives Isidoro Real Jr. (Zamboanga del Sur), vice chair of the House committee on good government, and Antonio Cuenco (Cebu City), chair of the committee on foreign affairs, said the bishops should not "allow themselves to be used for politics and instead serve as a calming voice" amid calls for President Macapagal-Arroyo to resign.

They also lamented that Church leaders "allied with the opposition" had "injected politics" into yesterday's National Day of Mourning rally, instead of pursuing dialogue and cooperation with the government.

The lawmakers issued the call after Bishops Deogracias Iñiguez of Caloocan and Antonio Tobias of Novaliches rejected Ms Arroyo's plea for them to cancel the National Day of Mourning yesterday.

The country's Catholic bishops had led popular revolts that toppled two presidents in the recent years—Ferdinand Marcos in 1986 and Joseph Estrada in 2001. Iñiguez, Tobias and former Infanta, Quezon, Bishop Julio Labayen led yesterday's National Day of Mourning gathering.

Philip C. Tubeza



Somewhere between insomnia and breakfast.

The phone rang and a hand found its way out from under the sheets, groping for the receiver. "Hi Charisse!" said a voice too cheerful to sound like 4AM. Charisse cleared her throat underneath the pillow and put on her smiley voice. "Good morning Mrs. Villa. How may I help you?"

For the next twenty minutes, Mrs. Villa discussed her finances, the status of her accounts, the latest rates, how her portfolio was doing. Charisse, wide awake now, jotted down notes, and responded equally quick. "Yes, Mrs. Villa. Of course we'll do that." Or alternately "I'll get back to you on that as soon as I check some figures."

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Or at least what passed as such for Mrs. Villa, a certified insomniac. Charisse was used to it by now and was recognized, jokingly, as the bank's Banking In Bed specialist. And in some strange way, had grown to like the early morning talks. It got her up early. And always gave her time for breakfast.

"Oh, and Charisse, I have no idea where to find a prom date for Julie. Do you think you could help me out with that, too?"

"Julie's a pretty girl, Mrs. Villa. I'd worry more about her dress than her date."

"You're right of course. Did you get the instructions I left yesterday? The one about the time deposit?"

"Yes ma'am. Our messenger picked it up first thing yesterday."

"Hay naku. I wouldn't know what to do without you, Charisse."

"It's no problem at all, Mrs. Villa. No problem at all." The conversation had wound down to stretch marks and the quest for wrinkle prevention when a stifled yawn came from Mrs. Villa's end of the line.

"Sounds like you need to get some rest, Mrs. Villa. And I need to start getting ready for work anyway."

"Of course. Sorry I talk so much. You have a good day, Charisse. Good morning!"

"And good night to you, Mrs. Villa."

Charisse stretched, smiled, and figured it would be a sinangag and danggit kind of day.

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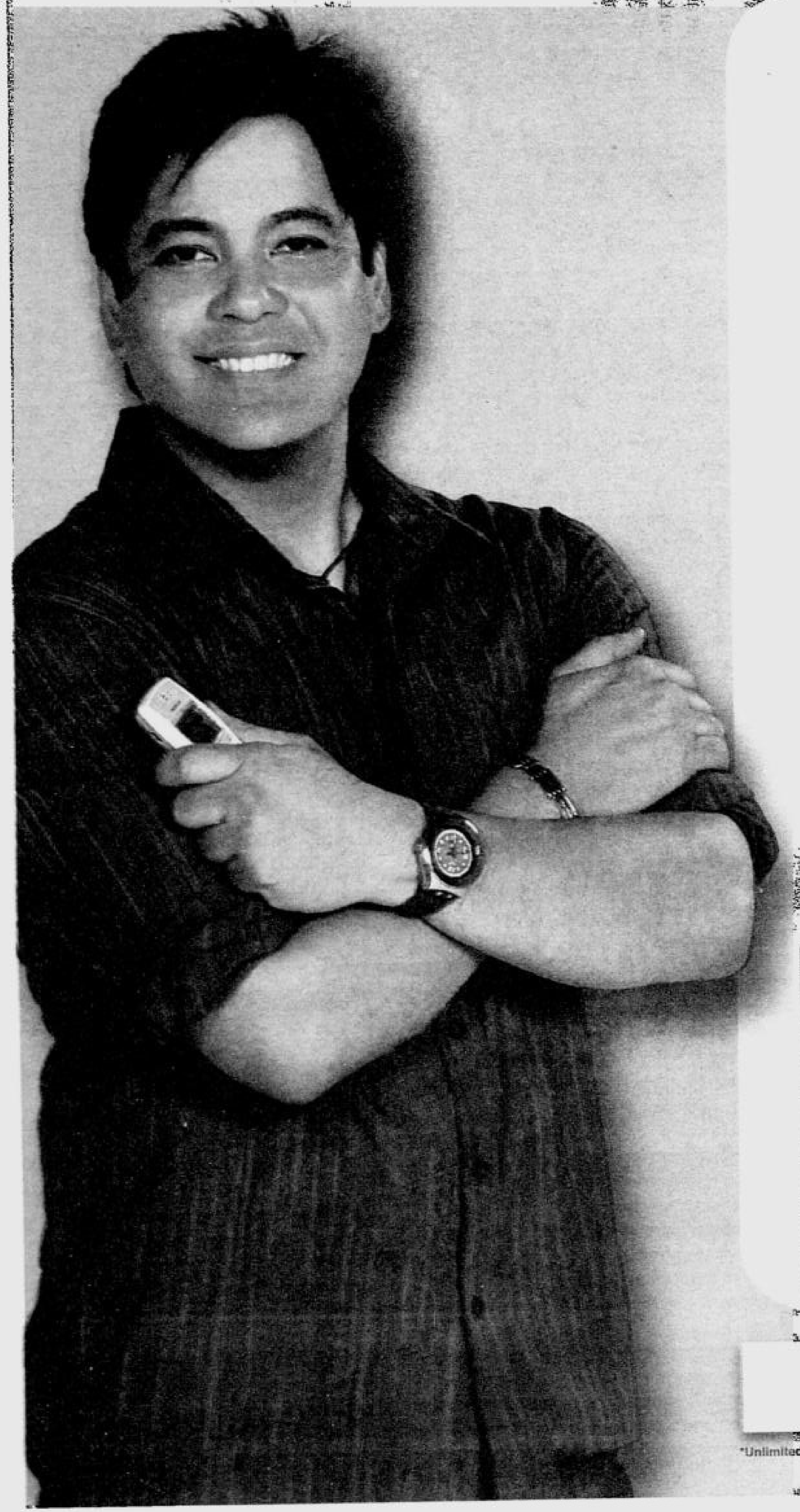

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Thousands rally to demand GMA step down

By Leila B. Salaverria

THOUSANDS of protesters yesterday demanded President Macapagal-Arroyo step down during the biggest antigovernment rally since allegations surfaced that she had conspired to rig last year's elections and her family had received "jueteng" kickbacks.

In a rare show of solidarity, a wide spectrum of anti-Arroyo groups, including opposition politicians and rival leftist groups, joined forces in a "National Day of Mourning" organized by bishops comprising the Kilusang Makabansang Ekonomiya.

Watched closely by hundreds of baton-wielding antiriot policemen, the protesters sang songs and chanted slogans calling for Ms Arroyo to step down to avoid dividing the country and prevent a slide into anarchy.

Red, yellow, white and blue banners, representing several groups opposed to the President, provided shade from the scorching sun as 5,000 protesters listened to fiery speeches by opposition leaders at Liwasang Bonifacio in Manila, snarling traffic in the area.

"The rally for me can be seen as a measure of how far or how widespread the disgust is for Ms Arroyo and her isolation," said Bayan Muna Rep. Teddy Casiño.

Casiño said his party would want the President's ouster, but they would oppose a coup d'etat, a military junta or a "palace coup."

"This is the early stage of the struggle for the eventual regime change that is expected," he said.

However, he said talk of an imminent downfall was not accurate.

Butch Cadsawan of the FPJ for President movement told the crowd: "Now that the truth has come out, should we allow an illegal president to sit in Malacañang? We now have the opportunity; we should not let our right of suffrage be stolen by the President."

The late Fernando Poe Jr. was Ms Arroyo's biggest rival in the last elections.

San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito asked the crowd if their lives had improved in the last four years that Arroyo was President.

Amid shouts of "No," Ejercito continued: "She has five more years to go. Could you take another five years?"

He added that now was the time for the people to unite and bring about change.

Bayan spokesperson Renato Reyes said that more than a change of leaders, there should be a change in the system.

He said that for the country to improve, basic services like food, education, jobs and land should be given to the people. He added that the President had been deceiving the country for a year because she was not the real winner of the 2004 polls.

The program was reportedly emceed by Navotas Rep. Toby Tiangco and former coup leader Gringo Honasan, although the INQUIRER failed to see them.

Among those spotted at the rally yesterday were Rep. Francis Escudero, Senators Jamby Madrigal, Alfredo Lim and Jinggoy Estrada, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay and outgoing National Labor Relations Commission chief Roy Señeres, who had been scolded by the President for allegedly plotting to destabilize the government. *With AP and Reuters*

Iggy flies to Singapore

NEGROS Occidental Rep. Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo left yesterday morning for Singapore with his wife and daughter just as the jueteng and election scandals buffeting the administration of his sister-in-law, President Macapagal-Arroyo, took sudden and dramatic turns.

Airport sources said Arroyo, his wife Alicia Rita and daughter Alicia Lourdes left on Philippine Airlines flight PR 503 at 8 a.m.

Arroyo's staff confirmed the family's trip, stressing that it was a "vacation."

"He left for a vacation with his wife Aleli and his daughter. They might be coming back this Monday," the staffer told the INQUIRER in a phone interview, adding that the trip had been planned "way ahead."

Self-confessed jueteng bagwoman, Sandra Cam, said in a Senate investigation last week that she had given P1 million a month to Arroyo and his nephew, Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo.

The Arroyos have denied Cam's allegation and the President's son recently filed libel charges against her. *Nikko Dizon*

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6,000 troops guard Metro

THE MILITARY has put an estimated 6,000 troops on alert amid fears of widespread antigovernment demonstrations timed to coincide with Independence Day celebrations today.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines said yesterday Marines had set up checkpoints on all major roads leading to Metro Manila, where huge demonstrations are expected against President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Truckloads of soldiers from the Special Operations Command in Northern Luzon started arriving in the metropolis early Saturday morning.

"It is a security precaution," said military spokesperson Col. Buenaventura Pascual, adding that most troops would be placed on standby.

Malacañang was ringed with barbed wire and container vans blocked the main road leading to it.

"We are prepared to contain any untoward situation," Chief Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, Philippine National Police spokesperson told reporters.

The alert followed a week of political tension amid renewed allegations Ms Arroyo had cheated in last year's presidential election and members of her family had taken payoffs from gambling lords.

The Manila International Airport Authority (Miaa) stepped up security in and around the international and domestic terminals as a precaution.

Gen. Angel Atutubo (ret.), Miaa assistant general manager for security and emergency services, said in a phone interview a platoon from the PNP and the Marines was guarding Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminals 1 and 2, while a company from the Philippine Air Force was watching over the still unopened Naia Terminal 3.

The troops have been stationed at the terminals since Friday, Atutubo said.

He said intelligence personnel were particularly monitoring domestic flights for indications of movement from the provinces against the administration.

"There is an intelligence report-sharing going on," Atutubo said, without elaborating.

Opposition groups have mounted a nationwide campaign releasing tapes of telephone conversations the President is purported to have made in which she allegedly talked about cheating in the May 2004 polls.

The allegations have yet to be proven and the President has resisted calls for her to resign.

With the 107th anniversary of Philippine independence from Spain falling on Sunday, the government had declared Monday a special non-working holiday.

The move was seen by many as an attempt to defuse tension in the streets.

"We are prepared to face all the challenges being raised against the national leadership, and to uphold the truth and the law without hesitation," Press Secretary and presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said Saturday.

"We will not stoop to the level of employing dirty tricks as employed by the opposition in asserting the [il]legitimacy of this administration," Bunye said.

About 400 policemen continued to ring the San Carlos Seminary on Edsa in Guadalupe, Makati City, where retired National Bureau of Investigation official Samuel Ong had sought refuge after claiming it was he who had released the tapes.

After giving a press briefing on Friday, Ong was taken by opposition figures to the seminary to seek the protection of Church officials.

Nikko Dizon; AFP; Reuters

Gonzalez glad to be out of 'jueteng' probe

By Armand N. Nocum

SECRETARY Raul Gonzalez was only too happy to call off the "jueteng" inquiry at the Department of Justice, saying he needed it like a hole in the head.

"This is an opening for me to get out. I do not gain anything from that anyway," Gonzalez said, adding that he had only gotten more than his share of criticism for initiating the jueteng investigation upon orders of President Macapagal-Arroyo two weeks ago.

On Friday, the President ordered the Office of the Ombudsman to take over the jueteng investigation from the DOJ, amid criticism the DOJ probe was only meant to cover up the involvement of members of the First Family in the illegal numbers game.

In a telephone interview with the INQUIRER yesterday, Gonzalez said it was Senate President Franklin Drilon who asked the President to order him to stop the DOJ investigation, owing to Gonzalez's admitted closeness to Pampanga Rep. Mikey Arroyo, the President's son who was among those tagged in the jueteng payoff scandal.

"It is just as well... if only to satisfy the claim of Senator Drilon that I am biased," Gonzalez said

The President asked Gonzalez to stop the DOJ's jueteng hearings a day after he admitted visiting the young Arroyo at the latter's Congress office to console him after his name was dragged into the controversy.

"If you have a friend and he is in trouble, then you give him comfort," Gonzalez said.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, June 12, 2005
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 19:2-6

Chosen by God as his holy people

In those days, the Israelites came to the desert and camped in the wilderness of Sinai.

The Israelites camped there in front of the mountain, but Moses went up to God and Yahweh called to him from the mountain, saying, "This is what you are to say and to explain to the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. Now if you listen to me and keep my covenant, you shall be my very own possession among all the nations. For all the earth is mine, but you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

2nd Reading: Romans 5:6-11

Saved by His life

Brothers and sisters, Christ died for us when we were still sinners and unable to do anything. Few would accept to die for an upright person; although, for a very good person, perhaps someone would dare to die. But see how God manifested his love for us: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us and we have become just through his blood. With much more reason now he will save us from any condemnation. Once enemies, we have been reconciled with God through the death of his Son; with much more reason now we may be saved through his life. Not only that; we feel secure in God because of Christ Jesus, our Lord, through whom we have been reconciled.

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

Sent to proclaim the Good News

When Jesus saw the crowds he was moved with pity, for they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the workers are only few. Ask the master of the harvest to send workers to gather his harvest."

Then he called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority over the unclean spirits to drive them out and to heal every disease and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first Simon, called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon, the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, the man who would betray him.

Jesus sent these twelve on mission with the instruction: "Do not visit pagan territory and do not enter a Samaritan town. Go instead to the lost sheep of the people of Israel.

Go and proclaim this message: The kingdom of heaven is near. Heal the sick, bring the dead back to life, cleanse the lepers, and drive out demons. You received this as a gift, so give it as a gift.

Commentary

Always there are crowds of people pressing in around Jesus and so many in such desperate need moves Jesus to great pity and compassion, but also to exhort his disciples to pray for more workers—twelve is nothing—there should be one thousand two hundred in every church to gather the harvest that others have sown and that the Spirit brings to readiness. Jesus picks his disciples, twelve in remembrance of the twelve tribes of Israel, but there are supposed to be disciples from every tribe, race, nation, place and peoples on earth. And these leaders are given authority over unclean spirits—to stand and confront evil, sin and injustice that harms and hinders the children of God and to heal every disease and sickness—to provide solace, medicine, comfort, balm, peace and forgiveness for every malady that exists. These are the primary functions of the apostles. And in every group there are those with great weakness: Peter, Thomas, James and John the sons of Thunder and all will fight among themselves for power and there are those who will betray all that the group seeks to witness to—we must be aware of our own weakness and sins and that they effect the coming of the kingdom among us.

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Namfrel exec feels vindicated after raps come out

By Grace C. Albasin
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CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—The chair of the National Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel) in Lanao del Sur said the recent revelations of alleged rigging of election results in the province proved that he had been telling the truth after all.

Shortly after the May 2004 elections, Hadji Abdullah Dalidig raised questions about the outcome of the presidential race in Lanao del Sur.

But he said nobody would listen to him, including Namfrel and Commission on Elections officials, even with the documents he had presented as proof of massive cheating in the province in favor of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Dalidig said he even attended the national canvassing in Congress to raise the issue but he was ignored there, too.

Truth as shield

"I had been telling them but they did not listen to me. Now the truth has come out and it is going to be my shield against the dirtiest elections that ever happened in Lanao del Sur and even in the (Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao) in general," Dalidig said.

Dalidig, who also chairs the Islamic Movement on Electoral Reforms for Good Governance, claimed the cheating in Lanao del Sur was done systematically because it involved local Comelec officials.

"Majority of our Namfrel volunteers were barred from the polling places by the military and Comelec officials. We reported this to the Namfrel office in Manila but they took us lightly," he said.

Differences

Backing up his charges of fraud, Dalidig pointed to the differences between the copies of the certificates of canvass that went to Namfrel and the Comelec.

He said that in the Namfrel copy of election returns from Lanao del Sur's 39 municipalities, Poe had won by a wide margin.

Not enough

He admitted, though, that Ms Arroyo won in some areas but these were not enough to give her the province.

He said Comelec officials and politicians identified with the President made sure she would win by tampering with the results.

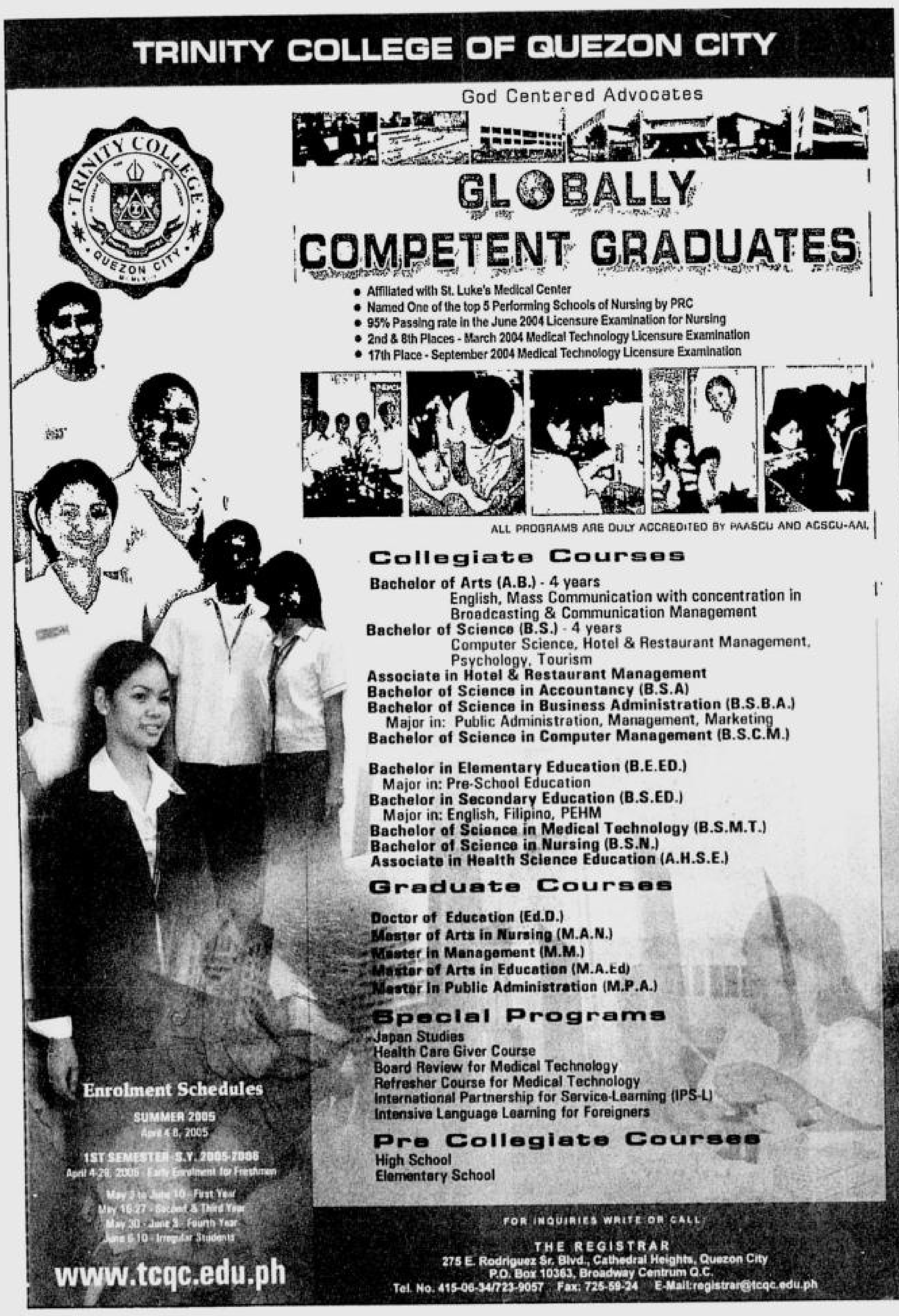
"The Comelec officers in Lanao del Sur and even in other areas in the ARMM region sold their positions to rig the elections in favor of Ms Arroyo and we are completely sure they received thousands of pesos if not millions, particularly the high ranking Comelec officers in the region," he charged.

No cheating

In Cotabato City, Fr. Ben Torreto, Namfrel chair, said he was surprised when he learned that Cotabato was identified as one area where the votes were rigged in favor of the President.

"FPJ actually won here," Torreto said.

Torreto said Namfrel had monitored the presence of Lakas people during the elections but there was no indication that they were engaged in cheating.



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Salonga recalls rules for Congress probes

WITH the Senate jueteng hearings recessed for the next two weeks, former Senate President Jovito R. Salonga yesterday sought to remind the public of the purpose of an investigation in either chamber of Congress under Article VI, Section 21 of the Constitution.

In a statement sent to the INQUIRER, Salonga said the congressional investigation must be "in aid of legislation, not in aid of destabilization to topple the government."

Salonga warned that the Supreme Court might then intervene, as it did in the case of "Bengzon vs. Blue Ribbon Committee" in 1991.

The case involved an inquiry by the Senate blue ribbon committee into the alleged sale by the Presidential Commission on Good Government of corporations supposedly owned by Benjamin "Kokoy" Romualdez, brother-in-law of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, to the Lopa Group.

Lawyer Jose R. Bengzon, who was called by the committee to testify on what he knew of the deal, petitioned the SC to stop the committee from compelling him to testify, saying the publicity generated by the committee's inquiry could adversely affect his rights in a civil case pending before the Sandiganbayan.

The high court granted Bengzon's petition and ruled that the committee investigation was "not really in aid of legislation but clearly to put the blame on some people," said Salonga.

Protect everyone's rights

Salonga recalled how during a congressional investigation of a scandal during the administration of President Diosdado Macapagal, rules and practices to govern congressional investigations were adopted "to protect the rights of every one, including members of the opposition, who could be in power in the future."

This happened in 1962 at the height of the scandal involving American tycoon Harry Stonehill, which implicated officials of the Garcia and Macapagal administrations, Cabinet secretaries, a few senators and congressmen, including then Senate President Ferdinand Marcos.

The National Bureau of Investigation at the time raided the offices and homes of Stonehill and seized a cache of documents revealing an extensive web of corruption of Filipino officials. One of the documents seized was a so-called "blue book" containing the names of high government officials.

According to Salonga, the government of President Macapagal (the father of President Macapagal-Arroyo) was thrown into panic and semi-paralysis, hurting the government and the economy.

In the subsequent investigation by the House committee on good government, which Salonga chaired, the chamber adopted a few basic rules of fairness in relation to the Stonehill case and subsequent cases.

Law professor

First, the committee employed the services of a reputable counsel of integrity and competence, the late law professor Marciano Sicat, to help the committee screen witnesses who offer or are scheduled to testify.

Salonga said Sicat gave the committee members the benefit of his legal opinion in advance, so they could distinguish between rank, inadmissible hearsay and evidence based on direct, personal knowledge.

Second, in the case testimony or evidence that was indisputably harmful to the reputation of a person, it was decided that such testimony should first be heard in executive session.

"If a piece of evidence is not corroborated by some other evidence—whether testimonial or documentary—the case should in all probability not be scheduled for public hearing," Salonga said.

Third, a public hearing would be held if the evidence justified it. However, those who were likely to be affected adversely would be notified in advance and invited to be present at the hearing. They then may choose to attend or not.

Fourth, after the witness or witnesses testifying against a person have made their statements, the defendant should be given the chance to reply at the earliest opportunity, preferably at the same hearing.

If possible, the reply should be made simultaneously with the attack.

"A lie can go around the world before truth can put on its boots," Salonga said, quoting Mark Twain.

The fifth rule stated that a person adversely attacked should not only have a right to a speedy reply but should also have the right to cross-examine his or her accuser and, if necessary, produce a limited number of witnesses in his or her behalf.

Lastly, witnesses should be treated with regard for their rights and protected from harassment and brow-beating tactics. Subject to certain conditions, they should have the right of counsel.

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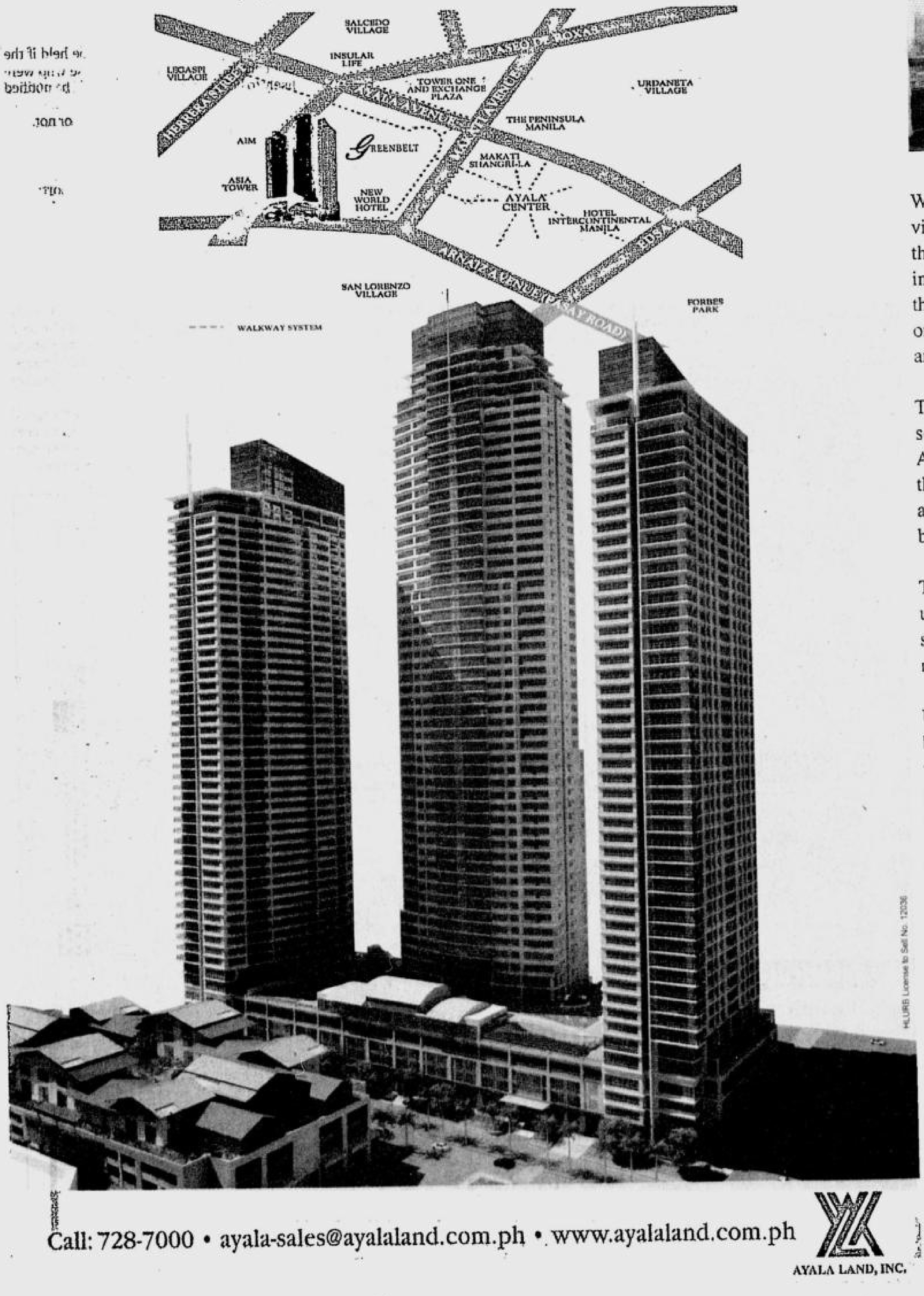

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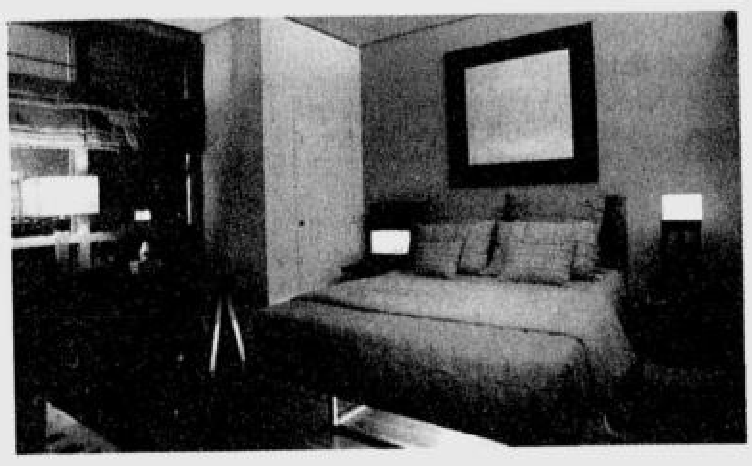

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Ong won't be arrested yet, says Gonzalez

By Armand N. Nocum

THERE is no need for former NBI Deputy Chief Samuel Ong to hide because the government is not going after him in the first place. Not for now, at least.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said this yesterday while claiming at the same time that Ong was clearly liable for violating the Anti-Wire Tapping Act and for "inciting to sedition" for hiding and disseminating tapes which purportedly suggest that President Macapagal-Arroyo had rigged last year's election.

Gonzalez also said he had information that Ong was negotiating with the Syrian Embassy to be given asylum there, with the help of former Ambassador Roy Señeres.

"The government does not feel under threat. It has the luxury of time to follow due process," Gonzalez told the INQUIRER.

He stressed that the government had not sent out people to arrest Ong, contrary to the claims of opposition leaders, who had asked people to mass at the San Carlos Seminary on Edsa to prevent Ong's arrest.

Although the crimes of inciting to sedition and violation of the anti-wire tapping law allow for warrantless arrest, Gonzalez said he was willing to wait until next week when the Department of Justice shall have filed a case against Ong and secured a warrant of arrest from a court.

'A continuing crime'

"I can have him arrested because what he is doing is a 'continuing crime' and he can be arrested without a warrant, but we are not doing that. We do not want to be that harsh," he said. "We are not going to arrest him until we get a warrant."

Besides, Gonzalez admitted that people might not understand the concepts of continuing crime and warrantless arrest and might raise a howl if Ong were arrested without a court order.

Fear of shadow

Gonzalez said that apart from the legal issue, there was the matter of public "perception" which the government had to contend with.

"He is afraid of his own shadow. There is no arrest order on him," he said of Ong's decision to seek sanctuary in a seminary.

The four law enforcers who were earlier found to have gone to the seminary could have been there to monitor Ong's movements, Gonzalez said.

Citing "intelligence reports" that Ong had sought asylum in Syria, Gonzalez said: "He wants to go to Syria. He and Señeres were trying to get help from the Syrian consul."

To ensure that Ong was not arrested prior to the issuance of an arrest warrant, he said he had ordered the National Bureau of Investigation to tell all its people in the field not to make the "mistake" of arresting Ong.

"We are also very careful. We will wait until the court opens," he said.

Philippine National Police spokesperson Chief Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, apparently with a different view of the situation, indicated the PNP wanted custody of Ong.

He said if priests continued to reject requests to hand over Ong, the police would view this as an act of "harboring a fugitive of the law." Bataoil did not say what charges Ong was facing. *With a report from Luige del Puerto*

Haven, yes; but Church won't share Ong's fight

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decision did not immediately reach him, or the three rectors at the San Carlos Pastoral Formation Complex or even Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales.

Caught flatfooted

"We were all taken by surprise [since] we were not informed personally, especially me, the one in charge in the seminary," Cortez said. "I was only told around 10 p.m. and I replied to them 'How about my rights, what's happening in the seminary?'"

Cortez said that when it came to the safety of people, the Church would not close its doors.

"Of course, all of us, like the Church, will accept and protect those who seek help or are in danger," he said.

Priests want proof

The bishop said Church officials had made representations with the authorities that Ong would not be harmed but must be given the due process guaranteed him by the law.

Cortez said Ong went to the seminary to speak with a bishop regarding the audiotapes which he said he had about the alleged rigging of the May 2004 elections.

The former NBI official official left the seminary around 5 p.m. but returned shortly afterward, seeking refuge because he feared for his safety.

"There are many allegations but this still needs proof. We should let the authorities look into this. However, the proper forum is not the seminary" Cortez added.

The archdiocese's main concern at present, Cortez said, was to "protect the rights of the seminarians" and for the seminary to "be left to its proper purpose."

He said the seminarians' studies had been disturbed and some scheduled events had to be cancelled because of the incident. *(See story in Metro, Page A23)*

In a separate interview at the Kilusang Makabansang Ekonomiya at Liwasang Bonifacio, Caloocan Bishop Deogracias Iñiguez said it was his understanding that Ong would be allowed to stay in the seminary until today only, after which he would be transferred to a safehouse.

Police turned away

Reporters saw Philippine National Police Director General Arturo Lomibao at the Paco school where Rosales and other bishops had gone to mark the first anniversary of the Pondo ng Pinoy charity project.

Lomibao spoke with Rosales regarding Ong's fate but the Manila archdiocese had yet to comment on the meeting.

Police and NBI officials tried but failed to see Ong when they went to the seminary on Friday night.

"We are here to do our job as law enforcement officers. Sammy Ong is our colleague, he was a superior in the NBI before. Now, he came out in the media and everybody saw him," NBI Interpol chief Ricardo Diaz told Ong's supporters.

Diaz, with PNP spokesperson Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, Southern Police District director Chief Supt. Wilfredo Garcia, Makati Police Department chief Senior Supt. Jovito Gutierrez and a handful of police officers and agents knocked at the seminary gate before midnight.

'They're hiding him'

"But he's entitled to his rights against self-incrimination. You are already assuming he is guilty. File the case in court," former Internal Revenue Commissioner Liwayway Vinzons-Chato told Diaz in retort.

But the lawmen insisted that they wanted to speak with "authorities of the seminary," to seek permission to speak with Ong.

Ong's supporters said they had yet to confirm if he was in fact there, but Diaz said: "We have reliable information that he is here."

Ong sought the protection of the Church before he appeared on Friday afternoon at Metroclub in Makati to announce he had in possession the audio tapes potentially damaging to Ms Arroyo.

After conferring, Bishops Deogracias Iñiguez, Teodoro Bacani and Cortez agreed to grant Ong's request, said Caritas Manila executive director Fr. Anton Pascual.

"The Church will always be a sanctuary for everyone who asks for the help. But it does not mean that the Church also takes on that person's position. We still have to investigate whatever he is fighting for, and look if it is reasonable," said Pascual.

He said the Church may discuss later the question of Ong's possible transfer. For the meantime though, he would stay under the Church's wing, Pascual said.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines president and Davao Archbishop Fernando Capalla said that by law, the issues surrounding the seminary incident were the responsibilities of Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales as prelate of the archdiocese of Manila.

The CBCP may not take over the responsibilities of archbishops and diocesan bishops because each of them is responsible for his own diocese and is answerable only to the Pope, Capalla said.

He added that "only when happenings become issues affecting the whole church should the entire conference or its permanent council issue a statement—and it certainly will if that happens."

Shelter for others, too

In 2001, Angelo Mawanay, an alleged civilian agent of an anti-crime task force, had also sought refuge with Jesuit priests after he accused Sen. Panfilo Lacson of involvement in the drug trade, murder, kidnapping and smuggling. Lacson denied the accusations.

Earlier in the same year, businessman Mark Jimenez sought the protection of then Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin, when he decided to testify against Joseph Estrada, who at the time was still President.

Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson also knocked on Sin's door before implicating the deposed President in jueteng.

And Filipinos still remember when Cory Aquino sought refuge with the Pink Sisters in Cebu at the height of the popular revolt against Ferdinand Marcos.

Who do they want to take over Palace, Rez Cortez?

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Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye posed this question yesterday during a tour of radio stations to appeal to the public to stay calm amid political tensions that surfaced together with the master tape of the President's alleged phone conversation with Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano on vote-fixing in last year's national elections.

"These wayward elements hate the President but we ask them: Do they have an alternative leader or program of government to offer? Do we want a military junta?" said Bunye in an interview with radio station dwIZ. "They should tell the public who they want to put in power. Will it be (retired Gen. Fortunato) Abat? Will it be former President (Joseph) Estrada? Will it be from the left or from the group of Ka Roger (communist spokesperson Rogelio Rosal)? Will it be Rez Cortez?"

In an interview with Bombo Radyo, Bunye said calls for the President to step down and for snap polls to be held were part of a "grand design concocted by people who want to put themselves in power."

According to the press secretary, Malacañang "more or less knows the people pulling the strings and funding these efforts" and that he expected this group to hold more press conferences in the next few days, claiming another explosive tape of the President's wiretapped conversation.

"But we want to caution the public [not to fall] for these sweeping allegations hook, line and sinker because we do not know the integrity of these individuals and their hidden agenda," said Bunye, referring to former National Bureau of Investigation deputy director Samuel Ong, known for his ties with the opposition, specifically Sen. Panfilo Lacson. "We can clearly see by association who these people are serving," Bunye said.

Although he refused to comment on Ong's alleged master tapes, Bunye said on dzXL radio that the former NBI officer had plenty of time to present his evidence in the normal process. "We will investigate this but we have to follow the normal process. We have to follow the law because if not, there will only be anarchy," he said.

The President, however, has refused to let the latest exposé on her government affect her schedule as she kept a business-as-usual demeanor in her activities.

"The President's activities are normal. The last function she attended last night was to meet all the leaders of Lakas, who expressed their full support to the President," Bunye said on dzRH radio.

The President also fulfilled her appointments with diplomats yesterday. In the morning, she accepted the credentials of four newly assigned ambassadors to the Philippines in simple rites in Malacañang. In the afternoon, she met with members of the diplomatic community in the National Day Reception.

Bunye said the President would also attend today's Independence Day celebration at Rizal Park.

'We won't . . .

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Ong surfaced on Friday and told the media he had four tapes of recorded phone conversations between Ms Arroyo and an election commissioner concerning cheating in last year's national elections.

"This is not anymore about the elections. My candidate is already dead," the widow of the late opposition candidate and actor Fernando Poe Jr. said, pushing back tears.

"We won't get anything out of this. This is not a desire to be in power. Power over what? This is not about politics; this is because I feel I have to be here," she said.

But she also showed the sharpness of her bite when a reporter asked how she thought the situation would evolve.

7th Commandment

"I am asking the same thing ... Where will things go? But all I know is one of God's commandments says: Thou shall not steal," Roces said.

Poe filed an electoral protest but died of a stroke in December.

As she spoke, Roces' face and hands mildly trembled at times.

"Let's all listen to what he [Ong] has to say. He risked his life to unearth what he believes is the truth. I am no judge [of] whatever he has in his hands, but maybe it's worth listening to," she said.

"We want our country to progress. What harm would it do to listen? Is there anything wrong if we listen to this so we can find out if the one now in power was the real victor?"

While the personalities now surrounding Ong had stood beside her husband in his presidential try, Roces tried to dissociate her visit to the seminary from politics.

"I am just here in cooperation with the desire of government for peace and order. I am a law-abiding citizen, I encourage fellow Filipinos to do so," she said.

Impeachment threat

Ong said that the widow of Poe did not commit her support to his call for Ms Arroyo to resign.

"She did not make a commitment. She just listened to what I told her. The ultimate decision will be hers," he said in a press conference.

"Now if she [Ms Arroyo] refuses to resign for the sake of the country, then the legal process should start," Ong said, referring to the impeachment move suggested by some opposition leaders.

Replying to questions, Ong said: "Becoming a hero was far from my thoughts."

He laughed off claims by Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez that he was seeking asylum in Syria.

Rep. Francis "Chiz" Escudero stopped short of calling for Ms Arroyo's resignation.

But to break the political impasse, Escudero asked that the President come clean about her supposed wiretapped conversation with Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano.

GMA's silence

"Instead of explaining herself to the generals and her partymates, she should explain herself to the people; this is long overdue. And I hope this is acceptable to the people," Escudero said. *With a report from Edson C. Tandoc Jr.*

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G8 poised to write off poor nations' debts

LONDON—Group of Eight finance (G8) ministers were Saturday on the brink of sealing an "historic" deal to write-off multilateral debt worth billions of dollars owed by the world's poorest countries.

"The most likely outcome is that we will conclude a deal today," a European source said on the sidelines of the meeting.

A source with the German delegation also sounded a positive note: "Discussions are going well. We are certainly getting closer. We're still negotiating."

Finance ministers from the Group of Eight leading industrialized nations were aiming Saturday to hammer out a landmark deal that would forgive the crippling debt of the world's most impoverished nations.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, hosting the meeting in London ahead of next month's G8 summit in Scotland, said G8 ministers were discussing a deal to immediately write off $40 billion (33 billion euros) of debt owed by 18 countries to the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the African Development Bank.

Under the plan, up to 20 more countries could qualify for additional debt relief worth around $15 billion.

South African former president Nelson Mandela said the need for a deal was "urgent" in a letter sent to the G8 members—Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States

"I hope you will do everything within your power to ensure your meetings... will finally conclude in a truly historic agreement for 100 percent debt cancellation," he wrote.

Britain and Canada support a US-plan for multilateral debt relief totaling $40 billion, but Ottawa wants the write-off extended beyond the 27 nations which top the league table for indebtedness.

Debt relief as a way to end chronic poverty in Africa is a core issue for British Prime Minister Tony Blair in the run-up to the G8 summit at the Gleneagles resort in Scotland between July 6 and 8.

France wants rich countries to fully compensate international institutions for any cancellation of debts owed to them by highly indebted countries, according to a source close to the French delegation here.

The United States was meanwhile proposing that debts owed by some poor countries to the World Bank and African Development Bank should be cancelled, and that the institutions' resources should then be topped up, although the mechanics of this are not yet clear.

In Washington, the White House announced Friday that the United States and Britain have agreed on a plan to cancel 100 percent of the multilateral debt of 18 of the world's poorest nations.

It added that a G8 debt relief plan would be linked to "improving governance, reducing corruption and completing a program with the IMF that demonstrates a commitment to sound economic policies."

"The uniqueness of this deal is that so much of it would be written off almost immediately, more than 40 billion dollars within a few weeks of the agreement, and that would give these countries the chance to move the money directly into health and education," Brown said. *AFP*

PRISONER swap beneficiary?—Italian aid worker and former hostage Clementina Cantoni on arrival at Rome's Ciampino airport, June 10. AFP

Aid worker freed after Afghan gov't releases alleged kidnapper's ma

KABUL—The release of an Italian aid worker after more than three weeks in captivity in Afghanistan followed the Afghan government's decision to free the mother of one the alleged kidnappers, a government spokesperson said Saturday.

Suspected kidnapper Timor Shah's mother was detained for questioning in a separate case ahead of last month's abduction of Clementina Cantoni, Interior Ministry spokesperson Lutfullah Mashal said.

Shah's mother was a suspect in an earlier abduction by the same gang that seized Cantoni, he said.

"The mother of Timor Shah and three others who were detained for questioning were released ahead of Clementina's release, they had no charges on them," Mashal said.

Cantoni, 32, was snatched from her car at gunpoint in the center of the Afghan capital on May 16 in an incident that spread fear among the Afghan and foreign communities in Kabul.

The same gang that kidnapped the Italian had earlier abducted an Afghan, Hafiz Zadran, the son of a wealthy Afghan businessman. He died in the custody of the kidnappers, said Mashal.

Three people were tried and convicted for the kidnapping and murder of Zadran, and several others, including Shah's mother, were detained, Mashal said.

He said the government declined to accept Shah's demand that the three convicts be released in return for Cantoni, but said "we released Shah's mother who was innocent and three others who were detained for questioning." *AFP*

US announces new mad-cow case

WASHINGTON—A cow has tested positive for mad-cow disease in the United States, agriculture officials announced late Friday.

Further tests are planned to confirm the diagnosis because the animal had previously tested disease-free, Doctor John Clifford of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) said.

"Because of the conflicting results... a sample from the animal will be sent to the... reference laboratory for BSE in Weybridge, England," he said. USDA will also be conducting further testing, which will take several days to complete," Clifford said in a statement.

A confirmation would bring to two the number of known cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the United States, where a diseased animal was discovered in the northwestern state of Washington in 2003.

That discovery prompted Japan, previously the top market for US beef, to halt imports of cattle products. The new case is likely to deepen woes for US cattlemen and fan fears that the deadly human form of the brain-wasting disease could spread in the United States.

The announcement came the same day that Portugal announced its first suspected case of the human form of mad cow disease while France said it had identified its 13th case of the degenerative brain ailment. *AFP*

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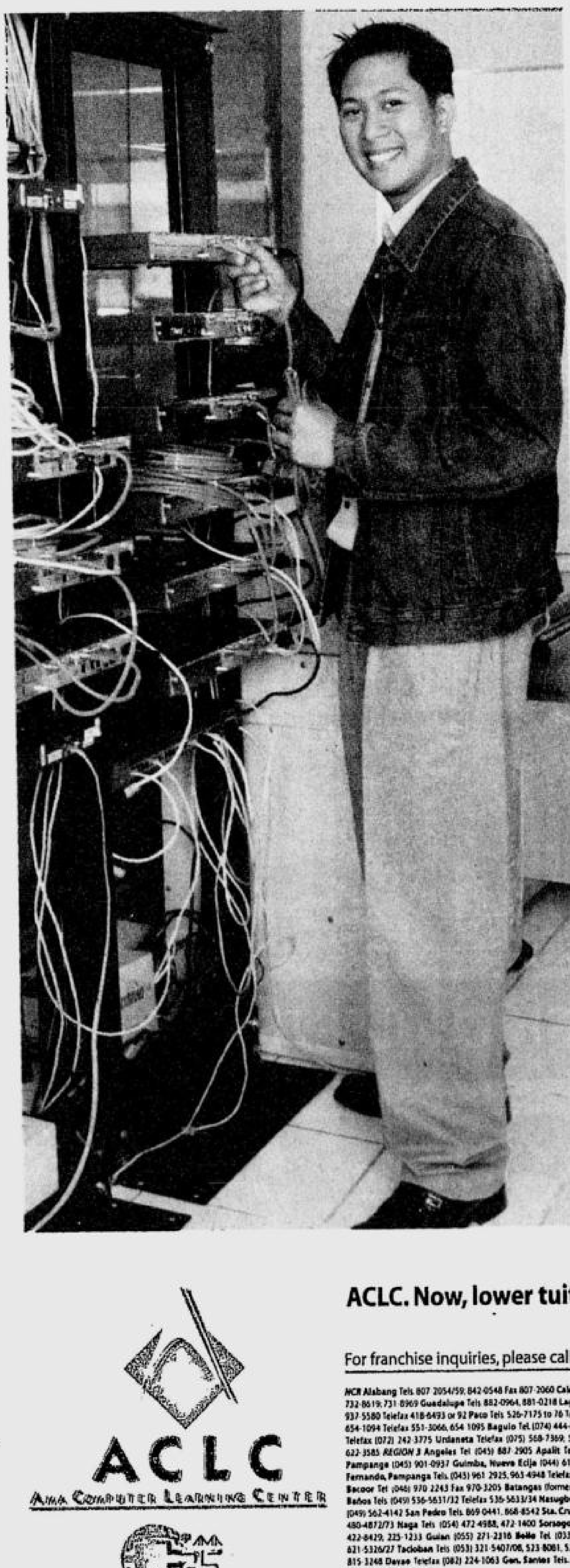

34 dead as attacks shatter Baghdad calm

BAGHDAD—Gunmen opened fire on a bus filled with laborers just south of Baghdad on Saturday, killing 10 people and wounding three, a police official said.

The official said the bus carrying 13 people was travelling from the southern town of Hilla to Baghdad when two cars pulled up on either side and the gunmen attacked.

The attack came after a suicide bomber wearing the uniform of Iraq's high-profile Wolf Brigade police force killed eight officers and wounded others at the commando unit's Baghdad headquarters.

Police officials put the total number of dead and injured at close to 20. The bomber, who officers said also carried police identity documents, entered the barracks with other members of the unit reporting for work in the morning.

Ten people died when an earlier Baghdad blast tore through a Shiite neighborhood, shortly before a night-time curfew came into effect and as US and Iraqi officials warned against complacency despite counter-insurgency successes.

A pregnant woman, her unborn child and husband were reportedly among the dead.

Even before the fresh blasts, a US commander had warned of the likelihood of renewed violence despite the arrest of 1,000 suspected insurgents in the massive sweep.

"The enemy is pretty frustrated and looking for the opportunity to have large-scale coordinated attacks. That could happen within the week, but it won't last weeks or even days," he said, because "they don't have public support."

"The insurgency is weaker than it was last year, weaker than a few months ago, but it's not about to wither up and die. By the nature of insurgency, it takes a long time."

The bullet-riddled corpses of two brothers and a cousin were found on a main road in south Baghdad, after they were lured from their homes by men in police uniforms the night before, an interior ministry official said.

Three police commandos were killed in a drive-by shooting, while a US patrol killed two insurgents after they also came under fire from a passing car.

The US commander had warned that insurgents would resort to more such shootings as it became more difficult for them to get car bombs to their intended targets.

"We think that's another way, though much less effective, to keep up violence," he said.

The same tactic was used in Saturday's attack south of Baghdad in which the 11 builders were killed.

Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari said Thursday that Operation Lightning would soon be expanded to other cities and justified it by the "exceptional circumstances" facing the country.

"All countries facing the same exceptional circumstances as Iraq will resort to similar measures," Jaafari told reporters.

His spokesperson, Leith Kubba, warned earlier this week that Iraqis had to bear the cost of the operation to root out insurgents from the capital, involving stepped-up checkpoints, raids, searches and arrests. *Reuters, AFP*

PAKISTANI rape victim Mukhtar Mai in March 4 photo. AP

Gang-rape victim barred from leaving Pakistan

MULTAN, Pakistan—A Pakistani woman who was gang-raped on orders from a village council asked the government on Saturday to lift restrictions on her movement, a day after a court ordered the release of a dozen men detained in her high-profile case.

Mukhtar Mai, 36, said she had suddenly been included without explanation on a government list of people who cannot leave Pakistan.

"Now, police deployed at my home for my protection are not allowing me to go anywhere," Mai said by phone from Meerwala village, about 565 km southwest of Islamabad where she lives with her family.

"I demand that all restrictions on my movement be lifted so that I could travel to Islamabad to meet with my lawyer," she said.

Government officials were not immediately available for comment.

Mai, who was raped to punish her family after her brother allegedly had an illicit affair with a woman from another family, made her comments a day after a court in the eastern city of Lahore ordered the release of 12 men who were detained in March in connection with her rape.

A total of 14 men were detained in June 2002 after Mai came forward and told of her ordeal. In August 2002, six suspects were sentenced to death and the other eight acquitted.

But in March of this year, another court overturned the convictions of five men, and reduced the death sentence of the sixth to life in prison, sparking an outcry from domestic and international human rights groups. The man who had his sentence reduced to life in prison will remain jailed despite the latest ruling.

Police re-arrested all 13 men following the court decisions and they had been jailed since March on an order that will expire next week. A review board of the Lahore high court has denied a government request for a three-month extension, according to Mohammed Shahid, a court official. *AP*

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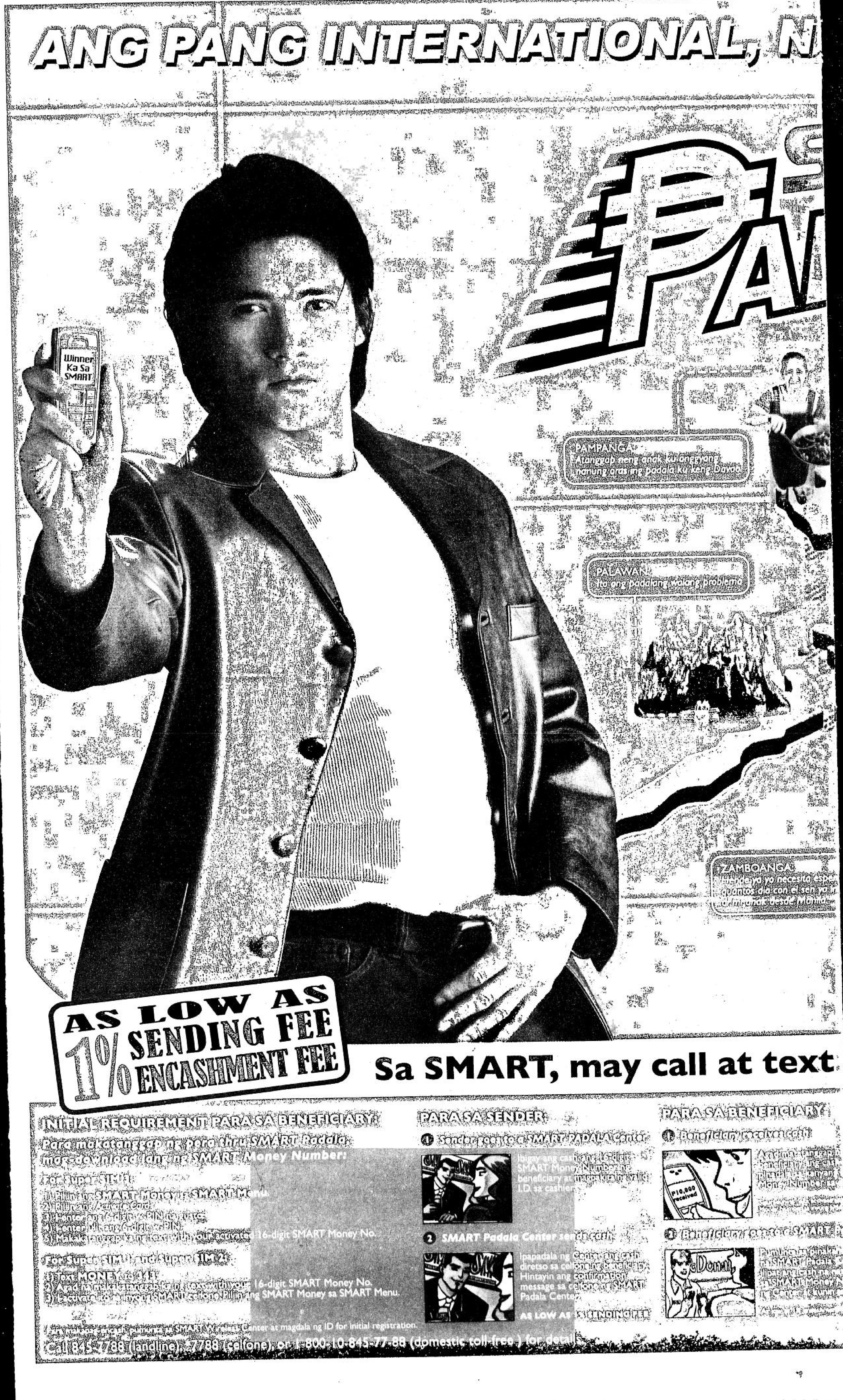
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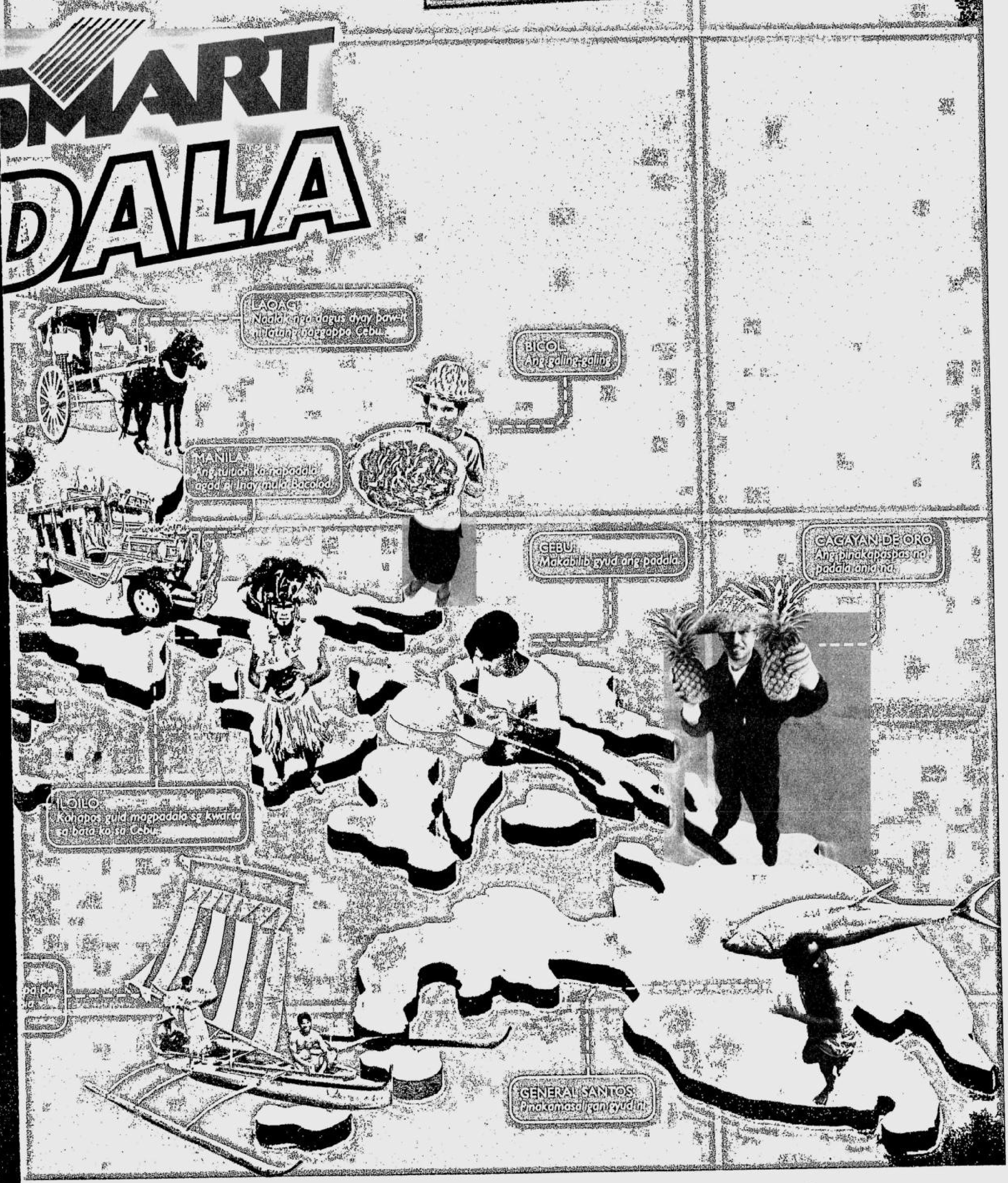
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Crisis republic

EDITORIAL

WHEN Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. called on both President Macapagal-Arroyo and Vice President Noli de Castro to resign, he invoked the supreme political virtue: "the interest of the nation." Those who came to their defense, however, also appealed to the national interest.

Are they talking about the same thing? That we have found ourselves in the middle of yet another potentially disruptive political crisis suggests that the answer is more complicated than a simple yes or no.

Where, in truth, do the nation's best interests lie?

We can find some of the answers in today's secular feast. Independence Day reminds us (and at this juncture in our history, we certainly need the reminder) that self-determination was the object of the struggle that gave birth to the nation. We must be free to make our own way in the world—without, of course, losing sight of our obligations as a member (and an early one) of the family of nations.

A motherhood statement? Hardly. It is a belaboring of the obvious with an immediate application to the present crisis: Those who define the national good in terms of which way the wind is blowing through the American embassy does not have the country's best interests at heart.

(To be sure, there are political operatives on both sides of the political divide who do not move until they have checked the weather in Roxas Boulevard. That is a fact of political life, and a measure of the complicated nature of the answer.)

Self-determination implies the requisite freedom to choose one's political system and the leaders to run that system. A military junta, therefore, or variations on the same strongman theme, cannot be in the national interest.

It may be that we are suffering the consequences of an immature democracy; the cure, however, is not to junk the democratic experiment. It is to hasten the process of maturity.

Therefore, proposals that leapfrog over existing provisions in the Constitution (e.g., the holding of snap elections) or remove the people's power to participate in their own governance (e.g., the banning of street protests) cannot be in the national interest.

Proposals that force a caretaker government upon us, or fantasize about the return to power of a discredited leader, cannot be in the national interest either. Some of us may think that today's political crisis has no parallel, but the Constitution has provisions that allow for different ways of resolving it: resignation, of course, but also impeachment, or censure, or a court decision.

Self-determination also assumes the power to make the necessary choices. In an ever more interconnected world, that power is increasingly an economic one.

Political tactics that prolong the paralysis that has overwhelmed the center in the last week or so, therefore, cannot be in the national interest. They exact a terrible economic cost, in terms of lost investment or international interest. They also make the thankless task of achieving fiscal discipline even more difficult.

What will happen in the next few days will be determined in large part by the authenticity of the controversial recordings, and how the different political players involved—from the President to the lowest official of the land—stake out their positions. Almost everyone will invoke the national interest as their justification.

If their positions, however, compromise our capacity to make our way in the world or constrict the democratic space or carry an exorbitant economic cost, we can say, with reason, that while they may have the best of intentions, they do not have the nation's best interests at heart.

Mr. Felt's disservice

FOREIGN COMMENT

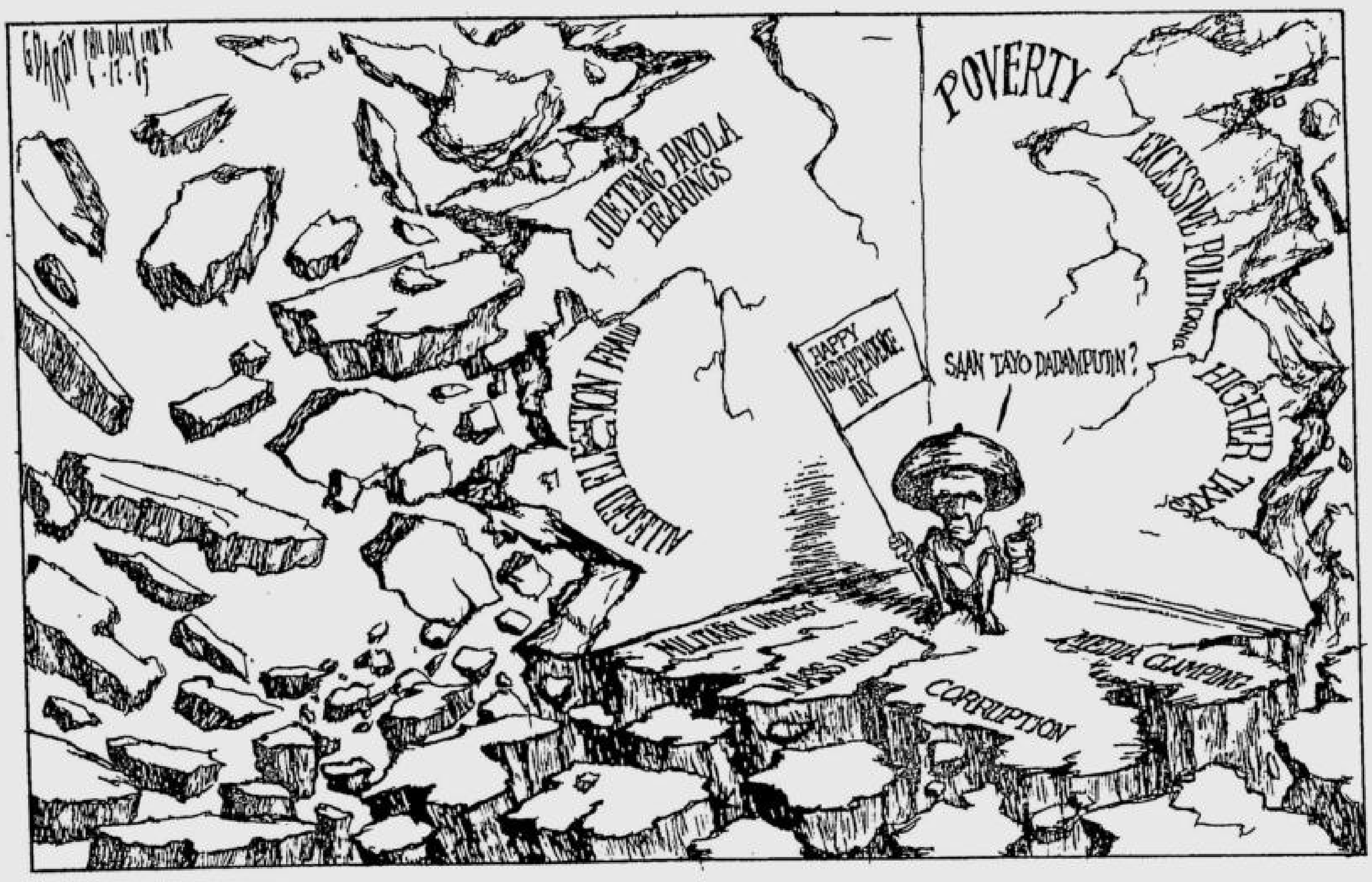
THAT Mark Felt, a one-time deputy director of the FBI, chose to out himself last week as Deep Throat is deeply disturbing. For decades, a Watergate industry has been sustained by speculation over the identity of the highly placed source who told reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein to "follow the money."

Journalists earned lucrative book deals, advancing the kind of explanations espoused by gun-toting conspiracy theorists from the backwoods of America's less populated states.

What, we may ask, comes next? Will the red-headed man on the grassy knoll identify himself as JFK's assassin? Will Lord Lucan emerge from an African homestead for a death-bed confession? Could Shergar be found grazing on Dartmoor?

Enough! The world needs conspiracy theories, if only to provide pension plans for hacks with unfettered imaginations. You have done us a disservice, Mr. Felt. Supposing you really are Deep Throat, that is.

The Observer (London)



Teodoro 'Teddyman' Benigno

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I DIDN'T have the pleasure of knowing Teddy Benigno personally but I was one of his thousands of admirers. We both lived in Merville but never got to meet each other in any of its activities. I could have told him that I liked his distinctive writing style that threw a lot of punches but never below the belt. I did not always agree with him but I respected his views because I knew they were sincere.

Teodoro Benigno represented the best in Philippine journalism. He was articulate and knowledgeable, but more than that he was honest. With his prestige and experience, he could have sold his talents to the highest bidder among our unprincipled public figures and could have demanded and gotten the premium price. But he did not. He preferred to retain his independence and integrity, expressing praise or condemnation, with equal aplomb, whenever he felt it was deserved. He did this without expectation of reward or fear of retaliation as befitted the true journalist.

He was a perceptive observer of Philippine politics although not a direct practitioner except for a brief period during the administration of President Cory Aquino, when he served as her press secretary. The accommodation demands of that position soon drove him back to the high moral grounds of his real calling. As a journalist, he could talk on equal terms with politicians and even look down on them if they merited his scorn and disapprobation. They might flaunt their official titles and high offices, but he had, in his humbler state, his freedom of expression.

He exercised that freedom not like a rapier but as a broadsword. He used it like an angry weapon against erring public officials, high or low, and public scandals that he believed should be exposed and penalized. He didn't mince words in attacking those who had betrayed the people's trust and earned their contempt and condemnation. Like a hanging judge, he tempted the libel laws with his pronouncements against unpopular suspects he arbitrarily convicted *ex parte* and *de facto*. Interestingly, none of them saw fit to file suit against him, probably because they admitted their guilt in their heart of hearts.

Teddy was not one to be cowed by even Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, whom he often criticized but always with the respect due her as the President of the Philippines. As the consummate politician, Ms Arroyo must have tried to win him to her side but Teddy was not one to be easily beguiled. He cut deep when he faulted her for recanting her sworn promise not to run for the presidency in 2004 and for her cheap tactics during her subsequent campaign. But even as he fulminated against her, so too did he flail her closest rival, the late Fernando Poe Jr., with equal disdain.

FPJ was a different target because his limitations were different. It was not insincerity but a lack of qualifications for the position he was seeking. FPJ had the strong support of the entertainment world, and probably also the masses, but the fact was that he did not have the competence to serve in the highest office in the land. Teddy stressed this but not with the hauteur of the cerebral aristocrat. Despite his higher academic credentials, he did not throw these against the ill-prepared candidate but merely expressed the doubt of so many thinking voters that FPJ would be like a fish out of water in the demanding confines of Malacañang.

Teddy shared with his readers his interest in various subjects, from world affairs to trivial moments. He disliked George W. Bush and cherished his memories of Ninoy. He liked to recall his experiences as a street brawler in Pasay during his youth and his adolescent crush on Carmen Rosales, the pre-war leading lady of Rogelio de la Rosa. He confessed to turning atheist during a troubled period of his life but soon returned to the faith of his forebears, a stronger Christian and better man. And although he saw merit in the communist ideology, he never wavered in his devotion to democracy with all its weaknesses and failings.

Teddy started his journalistic career as a sports reporter before he rose to be one of the most respected columnists in the country. That is why his vivid prose had plenty of muscle that combined intellectual elegance with enough slang from the streets to show he was not an egghead. It was this writing skill that made him so effective in impaling so many crooks like the corrupt generals and the *jueteng* lords. It was also with the passion of the believer that he defended the innocence of Hubert Webb whose appeal still pends since his conviction five years ago.

Sen. Raul Roco was right when he described Teodoro "Teddyman" Benigno as an institution. His fans wholeheartedly concur. I wish I could have told him I was his friend although he didn't know me from Adam.

Ship, shape, or sheep?

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about an inquisitive girl who one day asked her mother where money comes from. "It comes from the mint," her mother replied. After some moments of pondering, she said, "You mean from the government?"

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 9, 36-10, 8), Jesus' heart was moved with pity at the sight of the crowds because they were "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." When Jesus looks at the Philippines these days, His heart must be full of pity once again, because the people are troubled by recent events, and feel abandoned by their so-called shepherds who mind everything else, except their sheep.

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When leaders are so busy minding and holding on to their political ship, and are so focused on the financial shape of their pockets, then they forget the sheep. We do not have a poverty of leaders in the Philippines. Yes, we have a surplus of leaders who work for themselves, but we do have a shortage of leaders who really work for the sheep. True laborers are few. The masters are aplenty in this country—masters of deceit, masters of fraud, masters of corruption, masters of "magic." You name it, we've got it. In the meantime, again we ask: who is minding the sheep?

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What we need is a real cleansing. Just how do we do that? Where do we begin? How do we boil the hell out of this country? Boil our leaders and drive the demons out of them. Let the fire of truth eliminate the unworthy and bring out the best among us and in us. May we end up with leaders who "receive without cost, and who give without cost." Wanted: Leaders who sacrifice.

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Are we really listening? Here we are discussing, debating, quarrelling about government, while the people go hungry and go deeper into poverty. All the talk about *jueteng* and the "fake" or the "original" CD boils down to only one issue—truth. The sheep don't want more lies. They want the truth. They need truthful shepherds, they need food, and they need them now. They need shepherds who will lead them to greener pastures. "Ask the master of the harvest to send the laborers for his harvest." Pray. Let us pray for good, truthful and able leaders in our land.

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What's up ahead? We really don't know, but we should not be afraid. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs us just to go and proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Proclaim what is true, and let heaven take care of you. Proclaim your lies, and soon you'll be swarmed by flies. Those who proclaim truth get hurt, but they are free. Those who proclaim lies often get away with them and get by, but they become prisoners in their own minds and haunted people. To the truthful, just entrust the unknown future to a known God. To the liars, don't forget: you have children, and you have a soul.

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The apostles had appendages written to their names: Simon, called Peter; James, the son of Zebedee; Judas Iscariot, the traitor, etc. etc. What appendage will be written after your name? _______ who loved much? Who worked much? Who lied much? Who worried much? Who fought much? Who was too much? It's really all up to you. God provides the paper. You hold the pencil. It is you who write your life, all original. No fake or spliced copies. It is God who does the counting. He knows the score, and that cannot be tampered with.

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Speaking of pencils, let me share with you a text message about the lessons we learn from the pencil. First, everything you do will leave a mark. Second, you can always correct and erase your mistakes. Third, what is important is what is inside you. Fourth, painful sharpening will make you a better pencil. Fifth, to be the best pencil you can be, allow yourself to be guided by the hand that holds you. As we write our life story, especially these days, may we allow God to be a part of it. No, I take that back. May we allow God to be the center of it.

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We received the sad news that one of our Filipino SVD missionaries, Fr. Romy Grapilon, died in a car accident last June 7 in Paraguay. He was 59 years old, 32 years of which were spent in Paraguay looking after the Lord's sheep. He lived most of his life in anonymity, but he lived it well. He did not have much in this life, but he loved much. Here was one person who did not have a ship; neither was he materially in good shape. But he minded the sheep, and now, he is in heaven, safe. He joins our three other Filipino SVD missionaries who died in foreign missions: Fr. Glicerio Paraguya (Ghana, Africa, 1973), Fr. Antonio Barriatos (Paraguay, 1994) and Fr. Ben Prado (Indonesia, 2004). *Mabuhay kayo!*

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Mabuhay ang Pilipinas! One with you in prayer for a better Philippines, especially today, our Independence Day. * * *

See you 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King Seminary, Quezon City for the launching of our CD "Heartfelt Moments" with blind girl Fatima Soriano, who turns 12 today, and with the Korean visionary Julia Kim.

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A moment with Lord:

Lord, give us leaders who focus neither on their political ship nor on their financial shape, but on the good of the sheep. Amen.

Advice from the past

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

WE join the nation in celebrating Independence Day but, for personal reasons, our family considers June 12 a special occasion for remembrance and thanksgiving. If he were with us today, my dad Modesto Farolan, would be 105, making him almost as old as the Republic. Very often, it is difficult to keep track of the exact age of old folks, but in his case, having been born at the turn of the century, it was never a problem.

Modesto Farolan didn't have much to start with. His only formal education was in high school, missing out on any college or university studies. Starting out as a cub reporter with the Manila Daily Bulletin, he worked his way up the newspaper business, eventually becoming editor and publisher of the Madrigal-owned Philippines Herald after World War II. For a while, he served as press secretary to President Manuel Roxas and, later, he was a close confidant of President Elpidio Quirino.

When Ramon Magsaysay defeated Quirino in the 1953 elections, I could sense his disappointment as well as hurt as old friends made themselves scarce or unavailable. In one of his letters just a few weeks after the elections, he wrote of how "when a tree has fallen, everyone makes firewood of it"—the Spanish version which he used escapes me now, but I understood his feelings of sadness and isolation.

In spite of his having been Quirino's close friend and adviser, President Magsaysay appointed him the nation's first commissioner of tourism, a post he continued to hold under President Carlos P. Garcia. When President Diosdado Macapagal came to office, he moved him to the foreign service as ambassador to South Vietnam and Cambodia, and later to Switzerland. His last assignment was ambassador to Indonesia under President Ferdinand E. Marcos, a post which, if I might mention, I later occupied under President Corazon C. Aquino after the Edsa I Revolution.

Not bad for a secondary school graduate. In the words of an old friend, Benjamin Salvosa, president of the Baguio Colleges Foundation, he was "the acme of the informal process of self-education and self-discipline."

Having worked under six Philippine presidents, from Roxas to Marcos, my father would always remind me that "as a public official, you do not serve any individual. You serve your country and your people." As we continue to stumble from one crisis to another, seemingly unsure of our moorings in the face of a gathering storm, perhaps, it would be helpful to keep his words in mind.

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One of the lesser known but more prestigious humanitarian activities in town is the International Bazaar. This is a joint effort by the diplomatic corps and the Department of Foreign Affairs, aimed at raising funds for the benefit of underprivileged individuals in need of better education, medical care and other necessities.

The International Bazaar was established in 1966 by Mrs. Angela Valdez Ramos, wife of then foreign affairs secretary Narciso Ramos, and mother of former President Fidel V. Ramos. With the active participation of the ladies of the diplomatic corps and the Cabinet, and supported by the private sector, the Bazaar generates income mainly from the sale of duty-free goods from diplomatic and consular participants. It became an annual tradition, with the wife of the secretary of foreign affairs as overall chairperson. In 1995, the International Bazaar evolved into a foundation under Kay Siazon, the Japanese-born spouse of former Secretary Domingo Siazon Jr.

Today, the International Bazaar Foundation (IBF) is headed by Mrs. Lovely Romulo, the better half of Secretary Alberto Romulo. Incidentally, Lovely, who was popular with the PMA cadets in her younger days, is the daughter of an Army officer, Capt. Fernando Tecson who left the service early in his career to join Caltex Oil Company. Lovely took up graduate studies in Spain where she met Bert who was finishing his doctorate in law at the University of Madrid. An avid supporter of the IBF is Aurora Sagaz, the Filipina wife of Spanish Ambassador Ignacio Sagaz. Currently the president of the Spouses of the Heads of Mission (SHOM) group in the diplomatic corps, Aurora is the daughter of the late Col. Ismael Lapuz, the chief spymaster who headed the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency during the early years of the Marcos presidency.

Since 10 years ago, when the IBF scholarship program was created by the foundation, over 150 scholars from some of the poorest sectors of the country have been the beneficiaries of this activity. Two of the scholars, Edna Andaya and Eumel Ponce, both from the Payatas area in Quezon City, were able to finish their college education and secure decent employment. Andaya graduated with an A.B. in Mass Communication from the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM) and is now with a PLDT call center. Ponce finished with a Bachelor of Science degree in Clinical Psychology at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) and is employed as a management trainee of the Manila Water Company. Without IBF support, it would have been extremely difficult for them to be in the positions they now occupy.

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Next Saturday, June 18, the Philippine Military Academy will mark Incorporation Day with the Plebe Class of 2009 formally joining the Corps of Cadets for the first time. PMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. Cristolito Balaoing has graciously invited me to preside over the ceremonies as guest of honor and speaker. The last time I visited my alma mater was more than four years ago.

'Text shock' from home

COMMENTARY

Isabel T. Escoda

THERE was a heart-rending scene in downtown Hong Kong some weeks ago. Four or five Filipinas were gathered around a weeping woman on a street corner of the busy Causeway Bay shopping district. They were trying to console their compatriot who was wailing loudly, producing stares from passersby.

In a place like Hong Kong where Filipino domestic workers make up the largest foreign community, it's commonplace to see the women running errands for their employers on weekdays and relaxing at public parks on Sundays. Local Chinese residents and foreign tourists have long viewed with bemusement the scene around the Central business district, where some roads are closed on Sundays to allow the women to hunker down on the sidewalks and streets, and to sprawl underneath the modernistic Hongkong & Shanghai Bank. There have been occasional sniffy complaints from some quarters that the tone of this upmarket part of Hong Kong gets lowered on weekends to become a microcosm of the Third World. But it's generally acknowledged that the domestics deserve their relaxation after each week's grind.

The loud chattering in Tagalog and other Philippine dialects on Sundays has made observers remark that it's like an invasion by birds or cicadas. Another large park in Causeway Bay, where veiled Indonesian women congregate on Sundays to mingle with their own kind, resonates with Bahasa, not Tagalog. It seems certain that the Indonesians are poised to overtake the Filipinas in numbers, as they have been arriving in droves (a sure indication of Indonesia's equally troubled economy) and are in demand because they agree to accept less than the minimum wage.

The happy-go-lucky ways of the Pinays offer a contrast to the sober, purposeful Hongkongers. The Pinays, along with the Indonesian, Thai and Sri Lankan migrant workers, are accepted because they have freed up Hong Kong women, who can leave their homes to pursue careers. Besides caring for children, caregivers also look after old, infirm Chinese in their homes. Occasionally some of the Pinays (many of whom have spent decades in the territory) would complain that they are not granted the right of permanent residency after seven years of residency in the territory, a right given to other expatriates. But they endure this anomaly and other forms of discrimination in their quest to earn a living.

I came across the sad scene of the weeping woman that day as I stepped off the bus at Causeway Bay. Stopping to find out what was going on, I learned from one of the woman's friends that she had just received a shocking text message from home: her 5-year-old daughter had been raped by a relative. The anger and concern on the faces of the women were such that a few were crying with the stricken mother. They were urging her to return home even though she said she would lose her job if she left. I advised her to seek help from the Philippine Consulate, before rushing to a class I was due to teach. As I left, I heard the woman's friends giving her advice about what she should do once she was back home—the main one being "*Patayin ang hayop* (Kill the beast)!"

For several decades now, countless Filipino families have seen their female members turn into major breadwinners, after they leave to work in foreign countries (some statistics show that more Filipino women than men leave today to do the world's menial jobs). With the Philippines' high population growth—which isn't helped by sporadic attempts to promote birth control (moves perversely opposed by the Catholic Church), Filipinos apparently continue to have large families. Hence the consequences of leaving offspring behind are truly fraught with risks. Children growing up without one or both parents has been the norm for some time, affecting the country's social fabric in ways that sociologists have long described as truly detrimental.

Despite the fact that women's groups endeavor to report on rape and incest cases throughout the archipelago, the lack of resources with which to pursue the perpetrators means that many cases remain unacted. Progress was made in 1997 (after pressure by a women's network fighting sexual violence) when the government declared rape a public crime, instead of a "private crime against chastity," as it was labeled in the past. Additionally, the statutory rape of children under 12 was made punishable with the death penalty. Whether this has been a deterrent is difficult to assess.

That wrenching scene of the anguished mother in a corner of a busy thoroughfare in Hong Kong, wailing for her raped child in a Mindanao barrio, produces feelings of rage and helplessness whenever I recall it. It brings to mind a report I read not too long ago about the rapes of babies in South Africa, an atrocity which has been surfacing in some developing countries. Explanations given for the South African cases include male rage over the fact that that country's freedom from apartheid has not brought corresponding prosperity. And so, as has happened down the ages when segments of the male population turn violent, the victims are women and children, including infants. Even today, some spots around the world—among them the Darfur region in the Sudan and minority tribes in Burma—are plagued with these atrocities.

The problem of sexual violence against women and children—and this festers among frustrated and often psychotic males—will continue so long as women have to leave their homes, abandoning vulnerable children to the mercy of those who are supposed to care for them. The human cost will remain high unless individuals, organizations and, especially, governments tackle the issue forcefully.

Isabel T. Escoda's latest book, "Pinoy Abroad," was recently published in Hong Kong and will be launched in Manila later this month.

What do we pray for now?

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

WHEN things go wrong, and they do have a tendency to do that with dismaying frequency in this country, media people, like most other citizens, are just as upset and afraid, dismayed and disappointed. But underlying all that is a frisson of thrill and excitement, a bloodrush of tension mixed with anticipation, nerves jangling with the smell of blood and possible corpses.

No, we aren't necessarily bloodthirsty. It's just that onerous events aren't perceived by the media in exactly the same way as others might view them. For many of us in the profession, disasters and conflicts promise opportunities—for proving our mettle as journalists, for lifting us from the boredom of routine coverage, and, maybe, even for a career-making story.

Maybe I'm just getting older, or weary from more than two decades of upheavals. Last Friday evening, when the radio crackled with breaking reports of the plight of former NBI deputy chief Samuel Ong who was seeking sanctuary inside the San Carlos Seminary, my knee-jerk reaction was one of weariness, cynicism and disgust. I waited for the thrill of coverage that would have normally sprung up soon after, an excitement reflected in the voices of the radio anchors and reporters. But none came.

Perhaps, it had to do with the cast of "usual suspects" surrounding Ong. Or, maybe, the ongoing Senate hearings on *jueteng* and the battle of the phone-tap tapes had exhausted my supply of journalistic curiosity.

Instead, what sprung to mind were questions about the consequences of another headline-grabbing confrontation. How many months, or even years, would Ong's and his friends' attempt at rousing "People Power," successful or not, set back the country's economic prospects? How many more potential investors or tourists (the few still left) have been scared away by the impression of instability created by the events and investigations of the last few weeks? When will we give it a rest? And why do we keep doing this to ourselves and to our country?

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THERE'S a classic photo from the coverage of the various coup attempts against President Aquino. It shows soldiers crouched behind a personnel carrier, arms at the ready and on the lookout for other troops on the other side. Just a few feet away, there's a fishball cart surrounded by ordinary folk who're watching the action like it's just a scene from a movie.

The photo seems to me the perfect illustration of the national scene. Kilometers of headlines and hectares of newspaper space, hours of TV and radio news coverage are devoted to sensational events like Ong's fervid press con and bid for sanctuary. Meanwhile, "real life" goes on, "real" people going about their everyday business. The sad and truly infuriating thing, though, is that without our consent, the antics of a two-bit lunatic or bureaucrat with a grudge have the power to change our lives for the worse.

So, maybe, it's just right that this weary journalist, despite the steamy state of current affairs Friday night, chose instead to watch a Gary V concert. But if it was escape I sought, it was for naught because even Gary Valenciano was constrained to refer to the evening's "other" event, mainly in connection with the absence of many ticket-holders who decided not to make the trip to the Music Museum because of what was transpiring at Guadalupe.

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WHAT I didn't expect was to find some answers, or their possibility, in songs that Gary V sang.

The first song is actually just about to be released, which Gary said he wrote at the urging of his late record producer Bella Tan of Universal Records. A year before, he recalled, he met with Tan and sang a few of his songs in the works so she could judge what had commercial and artistic potential. After a few bars of this particular song, Tan said he should give it top priority. But it took a year before he could prepare a "demo," and just in time, for Tan's son soon called Gary V and his wife Angeli to tell them his mother, whose cancer had recurred, was fading fast. "This was the last 'demo' she ever listened to," recalled Valenciano, "for 20 minutes later, the gates of Heaven opened and she walked through them."

The song portrays a man speaking directly to God and asking the Lord to come to his rescue, to save him, to heal him, and, if needed, to break him just to make him whole. Is this what God is doing to our country? I wondered. Is it our fate to be put through the wringer, to be broken, before we can ever become whole?

Maybe, keeping faith in the promise that lies at the end of our trials is the calling for all Filipinos. But, maybe, right now we can also pray, as Gary V sang, for God to "lead me out of the dark, my Lord," because the darkness of our despair has lasted much too long.

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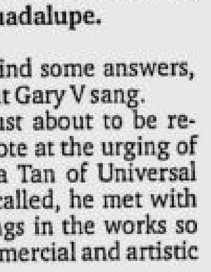
AT THE HEIGHT of the protests in the wake of the 1986 snap elections, which people generally believed had been stolen by the Marcos regime, I found myself bewailing the future of the country before a friend's sister, who happened to belong to a "born-again" Christian congregation.

I will never forget her words of reassurance. "Don't despair," she counseled. "People around the world have been praying for the Philippines, and things will turn for the better." Sure enough, just a few days later, Juan Ponce Enrile and Fidel V. Ramos and their followers called a press conference at Camp Aguinaldo and announced their breakaway from the Marcos government, ushering the "miraculous" "People Power" event.

Friday evening, with radio and TV all agog over Ong's adventure, I tried to summon the hope promised by all those voices raised in prayer. But realizing all the second chances we have squandered by our selfishness and choice of leaders, I wondered what exactly it was we should pray for this time.

'Hello, Garci? Hello, Ma'am'



PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THIS is how the conversation between the principal and her agent typically begins. She speaks in a measured and clear tone, usually to bring up a problem, or to suggest a course of action. Most of the time, he, in an exquisitely fawning way, assures her that the problem is being attended to and that he is on top of the situation. Her calls are brief, and she always goes straight to the point.

The Palace has denied that the voices in the controversial tapes belong to President Macapagal-Arroyo and Commission on Elections Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano. But previous to this, Presidential Spokesman Ignacio Bunye admitted that the female voice was indeed Ms Arroyo's, except that the person she was talking to was not Comelec Commissioner Garcillano, but a political supporter named "Gary." Bunye claimed that the original tape had been doctored to make it appear the President was having a conversation with Garcillano. Now, the official line is that Bunye made a mistake. The voice is not GMA's. There is no original tape, and all the existing tapes are fakes.

This controversy has legal and political implications. Wiretapping, no matter for what purpose and by whom it is undertaken, is a serious offense under our laws. But, curiously, if what have been wiretapped are fake conversations, as Malacañang claims, who is violating the anti-wiretapping law?

More interesting than the legal aspect is the political angle. If enough Filipinos become convinced that President Arroyo privately conferred with a Comelec commissioner during the crucial period of the recent presidential elections—even hinting in one such alleged conversation that the election results be managed so that her lead over her closest rival does not fall below one million votes—I do not think she would be able to govern or remain in office for long. Impeachment would be the least of her worries; she would be asked to resign or else face ouster.

The identity of the speakers in these conversations can, of course, be established through "voice print" analysis. My own interest is different. Out of academic curiosity, I listened repeatedly to broadcasts of these conversations, and studied the published transcripts. I wanted to know if the conversations were not contrived, or whether they exhibited rational properties. There is a sub-specialty in sociology called "ethnomethodology" that inquires into the rational characteristics of conversations. The method looks at the orderly nature of human interaction—a conversation for example—as an ongoing achievement by the participants. A lot of meanings are exchanged in the course of the conversation, beyond what may be gleaned from a merely literal interpretation of words.

Normal conversations are littered with what analysts call "glosses"—expressions that are intelligible only in the context of background understandings. A gloss is a short-cut, a device that makes elaborations unnecessary, but yields its meanings only in the light of shared background information. It is easy to fabricate one conversation, but it is not easy to invent a whole series while maintaining stable identities and a consistent tone.

A whole world has been assumed and brought out in these fascinating conversations—the world of political fraud and electoral fixing. The key figure is a male voice variously referred to as "Commissioner" or "Garci." It was obviously his phone that was bugged. By the types of situations brought to him for fixing, by the variety of people desperately seeking his help, and by the frightening ease with which he dispenses solutions—one would know that this man is an old hand in the underworld of electoral fraud.

He knows exactly where to pull additional votes and for how much, and how to deal with recalcitrant election registrars who don't cooperate. Politicians come to him for help like anxious little children. They rely on him to do all the dirty tricks they need to do to win, things they themselves would sanctimoniously decry in public.

This is the political operator that "Ma'am" repeatedly calls as she nervously awaits the results from far-flung towns in Mindanao. Listen to this cryptic exchange: "Hello Ma'am?/ *Hello, meron tayong statement of votes, ERs para sa Sulu?*/ Saan po Ma'am?/ *Sulu, Sulu.*/ Oo Ma'am meron po./ *Nagco-correspond?*/ Oo Ma'am./ *Kumpleto?*/ Oo Ma'am. Lahat ho meron, hindi po namin ikacount kung…. / *Ok, ok.*"

On the surface it does look like an innocent exchange. The key word here is "nagco-correspond"—a gloss that refers to the practice of fixing canvass results at, say, the provincial level so that they are not at variance with precinct election returns or statement of votes for municipalities. The other gloss is the question "*Kumpleto?*" This is not a harmless inquiry. Given the kind of response it elicits, it is an urgent demand to make sure the doctoring is done with care.

One knows this from examining other conversations: "*Hello*/ Hello, Ma'am, good morning. Ok Ma'am, mas mataas ho siya pero mag-compensate po sa Lanao yan./ *So will I still lead by more than 1 M overall?*/ More or less, but it is still an advantage, Ma'am. Parang ganun din ang lalabas./ *Oo, pero it will not be less than 1M?*/ Pipilitin ho natin yan. Pero, as of the other day, 982./ *Kaya nga eh.*/ And then, if we can get more in Lanao./ *Hindi pa ba tapos?*/ Hindi pa ho. Meron pa hong darating na 7 municipalities./ *Ah, ok, ok.*/ Sige po./ *Ok, ok, ok…*"

This man is not in the business of counting votes; he produces them.

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THEY SAID

Useless opposition

"I will never be a part of the political opposition because if you look at it, over the years, political parties never did anything good for the country."

—NLRC chair Roy Señeres declining invitations to join anti-administration groups

Flight of innocence

"My father embarked on his trip despite [the] controversy. This should be taken as a sign of strength and innocence, because he is determined to go on with his life despite the false and malicious attacks in the media."

—Rep. Mike Arroyo in defense of his father who proceeded to travel abroad despite allegations of his involvement in the jueteng scandal

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The jueteng menace

THE LATEST controversy surrounding jueteng has rekindled proposals in Congress for the regulation of the illegal numbers game which, according to Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz, has turned into a P13-billion industry.

Malacañang itself is sending mixed signals on the issue with President Macapagal-Arroyo's alter ego Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita earlier favoring its legalization but later kept mum.

Mayors in Pampanga, the President's home province, have also supported legalization moves only to retract it the next day.

Jueteng financiers have raked in billions of pesos from the illegal numbers game and thus bought themselves protection so the games would go unhampered by police and local governments. Lately, they have gained political clout and can now even determine the outcome of local elections.

Proponents of its legalization argue that by legalizing jueteng, the government would get more revenues that would otherwise be given as protection money to police officers and local government officials.

They cited Pagcor's successful experience in eradicating the underground casinos that once flourished along the row of nightclubs in Roxas Boulevard when it started operating casinos in 1976.

Through the years, several bills have been filed in Congress seeking the legalization of jueteng. But not a single bill was passed.

In 1988, the government through the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office experimented with some form of legalized jueteng—the so-called small town lottery. But the experiment failed due to anomalies.

Numbers games should be regulated

By Rep. Victor S. Dominguez
KAMPI-Mt. Province

HOUSE Bill No. 1656 proposes to regulate Filipino lottery (jueteng, daily double, *masiao*, last two digits and similar numbers game of chance gambling), providing penalties for violation thereof.

Government policy to tap numbers game of chance gambling as additional source of revenue for the government has become more pronounced with the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes' conduct and operations of lotto.

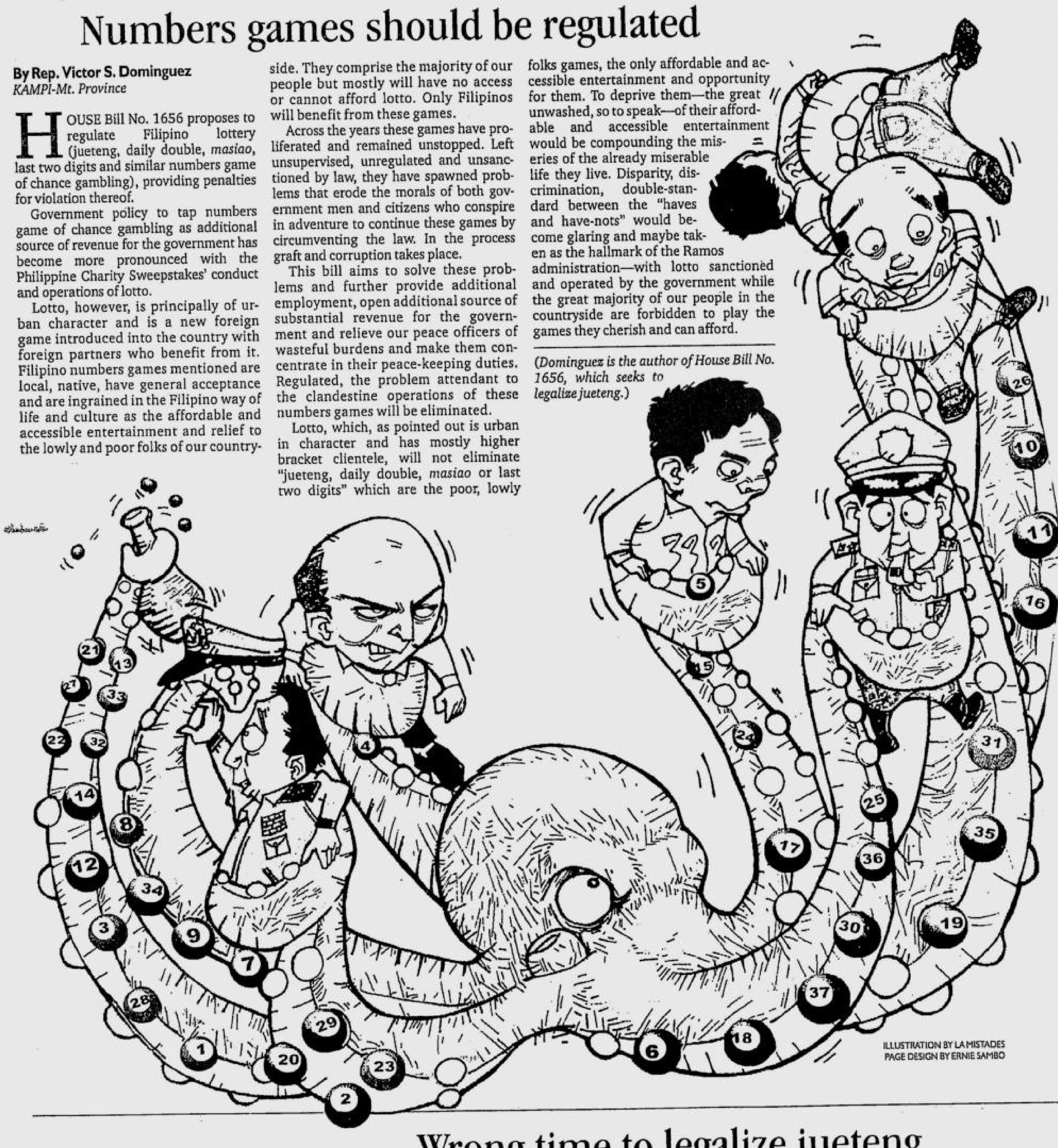
Lotto, however, is principally of urban character and is a new foreign game introduced into the country with foreign partners who benefit from it. Filipino numbers games mentioned are local, native, have general acceptance and are ingrained in the Filipino way of life and culture as the affordable and accessible entertainment and relief to the lowly and poor folks of our countryside. They comprise the majority of our people but mostly will have no access or cannot afford lotto. Only Filipinos will benefit from these games.

Across the years these games have proliferated and remained unstopped. Left unsupervised, unregulated and unsanctioned by law, they have spawned problems that erode the morals of both government men and citizens who conspire in adventure to continue these games by circumventing the law. In the process graft and corruption takes place.

This bill aims to solve these problems and further provide additional employment, open additional source of substantial revenue for the government and relieve our peace officers of wasteful burdens and make them concentrate in their peace-keeping duties. Regulated, the problem attendant to the clandestine operations of these numbers games will be eliminated.

Lotto, which, as pointed out is urban in character and has mostly higher bracket clientele, will not eliminate "jueteng, daily double, *masiao* or last two digits" which are the poor, lowly folks games, the only affordable and accessible entertainment and opportunity for them. To deprive them—the great unwashed, so to speak—of their affordable and accessible entertainment would be compounding the miseries of the already miserable life they live. Disparity, discrimination, double-standard between the "haves and have-nots" would become glaring and maybe taken as the hallmark of the Ramos administration—with lotto sanctioned and operated by the government while the great majority of our people in the countryside are forbidden to play the games they cherish and can afford.

(Dominguez is the author of House Bill No. 1656, which seeks to legalize jueteng.)



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How to play Jueteng

JUETENG is an illegal numbers game played by many Filipinos. It relies heavily on a large number of bettors with no limit to the amount of bets. It is said that the Spanish introduced the game in the 1800s and was controlled by migrant Chinese in the 1900s until the local population took over.

To play jueteng, one places a bet to a *cobrador* (collector), one of several operating in a particular area. At least twice a day—depending on the area of operations—a *cobrador* goes around getting more bets and then submits these to a *cabo* (controller or area supervisor) before a draw.

The *cabo* operates one of many portions or cells of a jueteng syndicate in a given area. He looks after the bets collected by *cobradors* and passes the winnings back to the *cobradors* for distribution.

Both get 10 to 15 percent of the gross collections and winnings. Another 30 percent is set aside as "protection money" for the police and other public officials.

Draws can be held in a house or even at the back of trucks and jeeps. Thirty minutes after a draw, the *cabo* gives pieces of papers as proof of winnings to the *cobradors*. Then, the process of collecting and submitting bets is repeated.

To play jueteng, a bettor picks two digits between the numbers 1 to 37, example 6/35.

The bet starts at P1 which could already give a return of P800 should the bettor win.

For your 6/35 bet to win, the first number drawn should also be 6 followed by 35. This ordinary way of betting is called *gitna*.

But you can also win should the order of numbers be different from the order of the draw. This kind of betting is called the *tumbok* and *sahod*. *Tumbok* is the number you bet will come out first while *sahod* is the second number.

In the earlier case of betting 6/35, one has the option of choosing 6 as *tumbok* and 35 as the *sahod*. For your P1 bet, your *tumbok* would have the higher value of, say P0.80, and your *sahod* the remaining P0.20.

So if the order was 35 first and 6 second, you still win, but your winning is based on the P0.20 bet that you placed.

Another variation of betting is called *pompiang*, which means betting on the same number, example 23/23.

Casas is betting on three numbers instead of two while *deretsa* is betting on one number and any number equal or lower than your chosen number. For example, your chosen number is 36, this can be paired with the number 36 and the rest of the number less than this digit. Minimum bet for this is P200.

A P100 or P200 bet could give a windfall of P150,000 to the winner.

Draws make use of similar paraphernalia used in the game of bingo although sometimes, winning combinations are given by the financiers of jueteng.

Other major players involved in jueteng include the banker (also capitalist or financiers), the operator or maintainer and the checkers or watchers and the accountants.

While *cabo* operates one cell, the operator is the one who oversees a bigger area composed of different cells. He makes sure that interests of the banker (or capitalist) are always protected.

The banker finances the operations of the syndicate. ***Maricar D. Tolosa, PDI Research***

Wrong time to legalize jueteng

By Rep. Francis 'Chiz' Escudero
NPC-Sorsogon

A SIMPLE pastime that became a habit, perhaps later turning into an innocent vice. Finally, morphing into a way of life for most Filipinos. We are talking here of not a few but many years of taking roots.

The numbers game of chance, jueteng, *masiao*, or any other name, had been the inspiration of many a commentary in Philippine literature particularly those that attempt to comprehend the Filipino mind, thus predicting his decisions and his actions.

The studies made and the lessons from scientific research conducted, confronted many thinkers, which gave life to the idea of legalizing jueteng. But it was quite a while back, as far as I am concerned, I mean the chance we gave to jueteng is no more.

If in the past, we can gather a good number of signatures from highly credible individuals and respected lawmakers to support the legalization of jueteng, we no longer have that pleasure, because this administration is miserably unqualified for the role—that of leading the nation in the possible campaign to make good out of jueteng by turning it into a valid and decent activity.

Lost credibility

This administration has no right to offer to cure the disease that jueteng has become by legalizing it. The credibility was lost, and the chance to make good out of jueteng is denied Gloria Arroyo, the minute she became President, simply because she used the very issue against a former president, her predecessor, conveniently catapulting her to power.

Because it gave Gloria Arroyo the reign of power, the people expected that she understands the DNA of jueteng. Yet, what do we get from her, her family and her cabinet? Instead of waging a war against jueteng, all the President's men come out all too ready to sue and turn the tables on the whistleblowers, challenging anybody who dares to give evidence and a lead to illegal operators of jueteng, demanding them to present proof, obviously passing responsibility, most to private individuals, instead of applauding their patriotism and standing by them by pursuing the criminals and unearthing the root of the crime.

Much bigger disease

I've always maintained that this game of chance is just symbolic of a much bigger disease that is rotting and eating this government up. Because my principle has always been to do everything according to what is just and what will work for the Filipino, I say again, the current brouhaha on legalizing the infamous number game is out of place and wrong timing.

The issue of jueteng is older than most of us in the civil service. Scandals implicating Philippine government officials go back more than 60 years. It will take so much more than lip service to even attempt to scratch the first layer of the problems it brings. It takes a strong and committed leadership.

Needless to say, it will need political will, honesty and a deeper understanding of the Filipino psyche—especially Juan's reaction to poverty and wanting—the gumption to get the hands dirty to be able to help the poor, and most of all, credibility.

Comic playacting

I don't believe this administration has these values. It has been three long years and, despite the role that jueteng played for this administration to become the power that it is, what has been done to address the issue is nothing but comic playacting, a mockery to the intellect of the Filipino.

Even the least educated among us can say with conviction that jueteng, or the ills it brings, cannot be tamed, much more fixed, under an environment of corruption. Even the apolitical in our midst can suggest that we have to attack corruption first before we can even look at the evil of jueteng in the eyes.

Sense of hopelessness

Then there is the alarming sense of hopelessness that moves our people to forego rationality over any opportunity to be able to buy food and afford other basic needs.

Having said all there is regarding jueteng over and over again, I suggest we wait patiently. We wait for the right time to realize our goal not necessarily of a legal number game but an effective mechanism whereby the same may be regulated by the local government. By then perhaps we, as a nation, can start talking again of what to do with jueteng, protected from unscrupulous practices perpetuated by clandestine operators, and for the government to earn money from, to be able to bring efficient services to the Filipinos.

Bring to court

In the meantime, we do what is sensible and just and what works for the Filipino, and that is to bring to court the perpetrators of illegal gambling.

This President, more than anyone, owes it to the citizens to give justice to our poor people who have been cheated of their meager income by being made to believe that jueteng is their only salvation and to put to jail, no matter the cost, those who have become shamelessly rich from jueteng money, those who have become economically comfortable and powerful at the expense of the very poor.

Instead of giving focus on legalizing jueteng, it will serve this administration right if it finally puts a true face, for once, and a decisive hand against it. Stop jueteng first and then let us begin discussion as to what to do with it.

(Escudero is the minority leader in the House of Representatives.)

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'A few more tears, drops of blood'

By Ryan D. Rosauro
Dipolog City

KLEIN Cantoneros, the latest Filipino journalist to have died from an assassin's bullet, had embraced broadcasting both as a means of livelihood and as an outlet for his idealism.

According to his younger sister Haydee, his job at radio station dxAA-FM in Dipolog City in Zamboanga del Norte was among the many that Cantoneros, 34, had taken in order to survive.

The third in a brood of 10 children, "Dodoy," as he is fondly called, was forced to drop out of college because of financial difficulties.

He honed his skills in buying and selling farm crops, Haydee said.

When he was shot in the early morning of May 4 and succumbed 22 hours later in the hospital, Cantoneros was also serving as bodyguard to a politician's grandchild, who is studying in a college in the city.

"I [couldn't] believe he could do it," Haydee said, referring to Cantoneros' sharp commentaries against government corruption.

Maybe it was the survival instinct he had developed that kept him going in his job in the face of numerous threats, she added.

Broadcast life

Cantoneros started a career in broadcasting during the 2001 election campaign. Articulate and analytical, he was a radio propagandist for the Alliance for Meritocracy (AFM) of lawyer Ely Velez Pamatong. The homegrown AFM was then seeking a party-list seat in Congress, espousing among other causes, the anticommunist line.

The group had deeply influenced Cantoneros as a commentator, manifested in his occasional lambasting of the Left in his radio program.

Cantoneros returned to radio in 2002 when Pamatong unsuccessfully ran for a congresssional seat in Zamboanga del Norte's first district. The post was vacated by convicted child rapist Romeo Jalosjos, who was unseated by his colleagues when his sentence was declared final by the Supreme Court.

Cantoneros' exposure to radio, although brief, showed his broadcast potential. Two years after, he was recommended to do radio propaganda work for former Gov. Isagani Amatong. Thus, his program "Pagmata Na (Wake up)" was born in February 2004.

Amatong ran for another term in 2004 against the incumbent governor, Rolando Yebes, a lawyer who had just retired as a career Customs official.

'Politician's asset'

After the elections, Cantoneros still saw himself in front of the microphone, long after his commissioned task was over. However, he had been marked a "political asset" of Amatong.

Jett Opilac, station manager of dxAA-FM, said they knew that Amatong no longer supported Cantoneros' program.

Opilac said Cantoneros decided to continue the program, renaming it "Nasud, Pagmata Na (People, wake up)," because he seemed to have found the radio booth a convenient pulpit from which to preach his beliefs.

His antics were courtesy of a business deal between the station and Cantoneros, who had become a block timer by then.

But because he was not a good salesman, according to Opilac, the station had to assist him in marketing his program so he could pay the P8,000-monthly bill for airtime.

The program's popularity showed in the requests of many advertisers to move to its slot from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. daily, revealed Opilac.

Mixed reviews

Almost everybody agreed that Cantoneros was a good commentator. He was spontaneous in his delivery and there was never a dull moment in his program.

Almost everybody also agreed he did not miss violating broadcast ethics, especially in the use of language. His table-pounding flares after receiving text messages about very serious subjects were questioned by his colleagues.

But Cantoneros already struck a chord among his listeners. This was visible when close to 2,000 mourners, mostly ordinary people and civic leaders, formed a 2-km funeral cortege during his burial on May 19.

In his eulogy, lawyer Paulino Gudmalin, former president of the Zamboanga del Norte Press Club, said Cantoneros "died a martyr" because he "courageously stood for the truth."

He noted that despite the "attendant danger" arising from his commentaries, "he still persisted on exposing the truth and strived to contribute to righting wrongs in the government."

"Klein served as a beacon in our fight for good governance," said Councilor Franco Buctuan of Labason town, one of the convenors of the Labason Movement for Public Accountability, Reforms and Advancement.

The local Muslim community also honored him, regarding his death as "shaheed," which meant "he died a martyr for correcting and exposing wrongdoings."

Dr. Shariff Adzhar Sarahadil, a local Islamic cleric, said Cantoneros "died for his principles."

Cantoneros' favorite poem showed his idealism. Lawyer Kenneth Rosal read:

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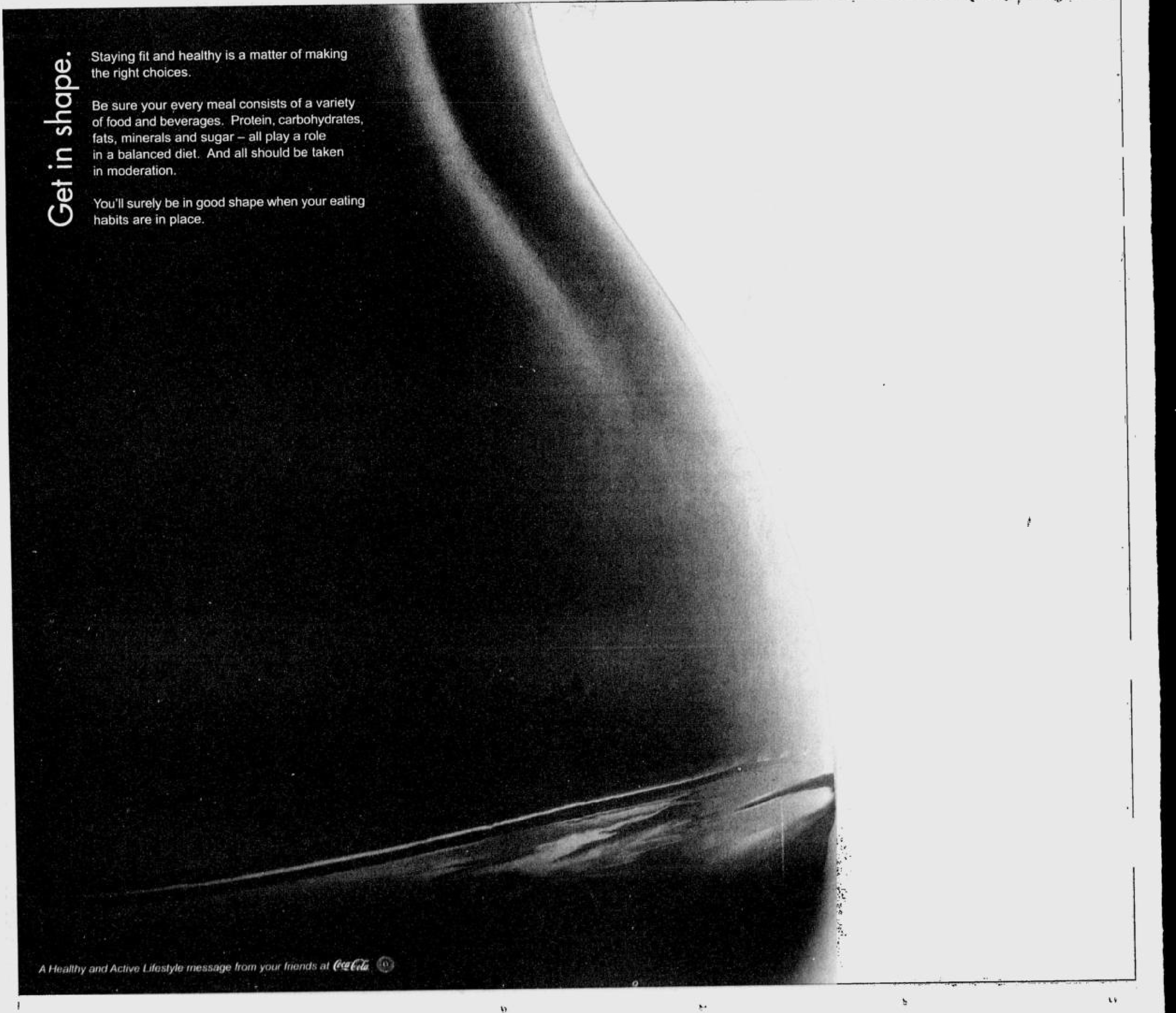

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Expert warns of pests in China veggies

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—The government must rethink its decision to import Chinese vegetables under a bilateral trade pact because the deal might bring into the country high risk pests and remains of toxic chemicals, a former official of the Bureau of Plant Industry said.

Estrella Tuazon, former chief of the BPI's plant quarantine services, said agriculture and trade officials must be wary of the effects of bringing into the local market Chinese potato, carrot, ginger and cabbage under the early harvest program (EHP).

The EHP was signed in Manila on April 27 by Trade Secretary Juan Santos and Chinese Minister of Commerce Bo Xilai during Chinese President Hu Jintao's state visit.

Tuazon, who spoke at the Benguet Farmers' Summit on Friday at the provincial capitol here, said the country must impose a very rigid pest risk analysis (PRA) on Chinese vegetables to prevent the entry of pests, diseases and chemical residue that could endanger the local vegetable industry.

She said while the BPI already conducted a PRA on Chinese carrots, the results were far from satisfactory since the PRA "failed to comply with some of the requirements of a genuine PRA pursuant to the phytosanitary (pest and diseases) and sanitary (cleanliness) standards, known as SPS, set by the rules of international trade."

The PRA on Chinese carrots, which the BPI had submitted for approval of the Department of Agriculture, lacked certain data, Tuazon said.

"The Chinese producers did not provide information on their pest management and general surveillance programs," she said.

She also said the BPI also failed to ask for an analysis of chemical residue found in the Chinese crop.

"We also need to know the chemicals they spray on their carrots to be able to determine if their use is within acceptable levels," she said.

"This is because the PRA team failed to conduct an ocular evaluation and actual testing of the soil and carrots in the farms where they are grown in China," Tuazon said.

Tuazon, who worked with the BPI for 23 years, cited the study made on the PRA by plant experts from Benguet State University here who said two of the 12 pests in Chinese carrots identified by BPI "are considered high risk" and their introduction to the country will endanger the ecosystem.

Tuazon named one of the pests as the *Ditylenchus destructor*, a burrowing type of worm, which she said, "is very dangerous."

She also scored the PRA team for relying heavily on the Internet to obtain information on the history and nature of the pests found in Chinese carrots.

"While the data taken from the Internet is the product of scientific research, they need to be verified by new and actual studies on the field," she said.

"Free trade allows the exchange of products but not the exchange of pests and diseases," Tuazon told 560 farmers who attended the summit. *Delmar Cariño, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Cavite stakes claim as 'historical capital'

THE CAVITE provincial government has lined up a whole day of activities to mark the 107th Philippine Independence Day celebration today pursuant to its goal to make Cavite the center of the annual celebration and formalize the province's claim as the "Historical Capital of the Philippines."

Cavite Gov. Ayong Maliksi in a press statement said this year's Independence Day celebration will commence with a flag raising ceremony at 7 a.m. at the Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine with Vice President Noli de Castro as guest of honor.

This will be followed by the formal opening of the Kalayaan Grand Festival Parade and the reenactment of the Acta dela Independencia factional dubbed "Isang Muling Pagbubunyi" at 9 a.m. at the Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine.

At 10 a.m., the Parade ng Lahing Caviteño will start at the Freedom Park and Kawit Loop Road, which will feature a colorful display of costumes and street dancing depicting the unique traditions and practices of all the cities and municipalities of Cavite.

The parade will be followed by "Ang Husay at Sining ng Lahing Magaling," a presentation of dance, music and visual arts performances, and food festival featuring the unique dishes and delicacies of Cavite from noon to 6 p.m. at the Freedom Park.

Maliksi said there will also be a trade fair and exhibit at Freedom Park which will feature the One Town, One Product Program of Cavite.

Diarrhea outbreak in Sultan Kudarat kills 9

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—At least nine people, mostly children, died while 70 others got ill in what officials said was an outbreak of diarrhea in at least three remote villages of Palimbang town in Sultan Kudarat.

Palimbang Mayor Labualas Mamansual told the INQUIRER that seven of those killed since the outbreak about two weeks ago were from Barangay Domulol.

The two other affected villages were Kra'an and Malisbong.

Mamansual said the victims died of apparent dehydration.

He said among the three villages, Domulol had more serious cases of diarrhea.

Of the 70 people afflicted with the disease, at least 30 come from the village.

Mamansual said the latest fatalities, who died on Monday and Tuesday, were from Barangay Kra'an.

He said lack of medicines and medical equipment was the main reason for the death of the nine victims.

Although the municipal government has already purchased medicines worth P500,000, Mamansual said these were not enough to address the outbreak.

He said the patients were also so poor that they could not afford to be hospitalized. Of the 70 victims, only 10 had been rushed to the hospital.

Dr. Renato Diagan, medical director of Diagan's Cooperative Hospital, told the family of the patients to closely coordinate with Sultan Kudarat health authorities. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Noli backs GMA, rejects calls for civil disobedience

By Cynthia D. Balana
and Philip C. Tubeza

VICE President Noli de Castro yesterday expressed support for President Macapagal-Arroyo and appealed to the people not to heed calls for civil disobedience.

At the same time, he lamented how politicians were stoking the current turmoil: "I am closely monitoring the latest developments and I am deeply concerned with the way some of our politicians are taking advantage of the situation by urging the people to go to the streets."

De Castro emphasized that there was no concrete evidence linking Ms Arroyo to misconduct or illegal activities. He said the President was "hardworking" and was doing her best to govern.

He acknowledged the people's constitutional right to peaceably assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances, but said some politicians were invoking this to advance their own interests.

"The nation is in crisis," he said. "Let us not add to the confusion and destabilization efforts being waged against the government. Let us not deceive the people."

De Castro said those calling for the President's removal should follow the constitutional process.

"As leaders of our nation, all of us, whether in the administration or the opposition, have a sworn duty to uphold the Constitution and the law," he said, adding:

"We should be circumspect. What is at stake today is not just politics but the future of every Filipino."

De Castro refused to comment on the reported statement of House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles that the administration coalition was sticking with Ms Arroyo because the Vice President was not a viable alternative.

Nograles, however, denied saying that. He said what he meant was that there was no viable alternative among the opposition figures calling for the President's resignation.

He said he had even praised De Castro for urging the people to follow the rule of law.

Insult

But Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla said De Castro should take as an "insult" his own colleagues' supposed view of him as being unfit for the presidency.

For that insult, he said, De Castro should bolt the administration camp.

"He was chosen to run as vice president by the administration coalition during the last election, presumably to be [Ms Arroyo's] constitutional successor, and was eventually elected by the people. Now they say he is not good for the country," Remulla observed.

"Noli should break away from the coalition and join the opposition, or be independent," he said of his former colleague at the giant ABS-CBN network.

Remulla said he was certain that the Vice President could "rise to the challenge and be a capable leader and unifier."

He said that De Castro's break from the administration would not worsen the political crisis, and that the latter was welcome in the Nacionalista Party, of which he (Remulla) is a member.

Clear successor

At least one administration senator defended De Castro's right to succeed Ms Arroyo as President, but he refused to be named.

"He [De Castro] is the constitutional successor," the senator told the INQUIRER.

"He doesn't even have to do anything because the Constitution says he will be the president in the event of the death, resignation, impeachment or whatever of the incumbent President.

"In the case of the administration, there is a clear successor. It is the opposition that does not have an alternative because [its members] are elbowing each other. They all have a moist eye on power." *With a report from Juliet Labog-Javellana*

GMA to foes: Stop this madness

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

A DEFIANT President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday told her critics to stop peddling what she called "extreme madness'" to the public—that she was stepping down from Malacañang.

"I have felt the political heat but I am still in the kitchen because that is where I belong. I will continue to make the tough choices to turn this economy around and no one will deter me from this mission," said President Arroyo in her first public speaking engagement after former NBI deputy director Samuel Ong surfaced to claim possession of master tapes containing her alleged conversation with a Comelec official to rig last year's elections.

The President was smiling when she walked into the packed Palace ceremonial hall for the National Day Reception on the eve of Independence Day, which was attended not only by the diplomatic corps but also by local government officials nationwide.

Conspicuously absent were the other members of the First Family, particularly First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo and their son, Rep. Juan Miguel Arroyo, whom the President had ordered to undergo investigation for allegedly taking "jueteng" payoffs.

The guest list included a few high-profile names—former President Corazon Aquino, Vice President Noli de Castro, Chief Justice Hilario Davide and three top Cabinet members—Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo, Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz and Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes.

The President, who has been asked to step down in the face of scandals buffeting her administration, lambasted her political opponents for making the Philippines "nothing more but a private sandbox for political intrigue."

"We cannot solve our differences by tossing out the democratic process because we are not getting our way. That is extreme. We cannot help the poor by undermining investments, driving away employers and not investing in infrastructure and social programs," the President said.

"This view is dangerous and irresponsible. Dangerous because we live in a democracy, however imperfect. Irresponsible because it damages the lives of the very poor we are trying to serve," she said. "That is madness. Yet this extreme madness is precisely what the purveyors of instability and intrigue have begun to sow."

The President quoted extensively the "No Man Is An Island" meditation of Renaissance poet John Donne to warn her critics about isolating the Philippines from the rest of the world. "There are those in the Philippines who would like to believe that we are an isolated set of islands, adrift from the world, unconnected from the main. The global marketplace has already taken note of their destructive behaviors. They must be responsible for their actions and understand the consequences for the nation," the President said.

PRESIDENT Arroyo greets former President Corazon Aquino, Chief Justice Hliario Davide and foreign guests at Malacañang. EDWIN BACASMAS

In an interview, De Castro said he found no need for the public to listen to the master tapes held by Ong because their pertinent contents had already been broadcast in compact discs.

He also said calls for his resignation were uncalled for as he stressed that he was next in line to the presidency.

GMA told: Crack down on family

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the benefit of the doubt, but added that the jueteng and election fraud allegations could pose a huge threat to the Arroyo presidency.

Lacson said he was not yet joining protest actions or ouster calls against Ms Arroyo because he was waiting for her to take "drastic, dramatic measures," such as ordering her son, Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, and her brother-in-law, Negros Occidental Rep. Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo, to resign from the House.

In explosive testimony last week at the Senate, businesswoman Sandra Cam said she personally handed jueteng payola to the two Arroyos in the House last December.

Not tape but FPJ

Drilon, Magsaysay and Lacson did not refer to the scandal involving an audio tape purportedly showing that Ms Arroyo had rigged the results of the 2004 presidential election in her favor.

On Friday, Samuel Ong, ex-deputy director of the National Bureau of Investigation, produced the alleged authentic tape and called on the President to step down. Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, of late Ms Arroyo's fiercest defender, quickly called Ong a liar and a propaganda tool of the opposition.

But in a statement, Sen. Ralph Recto of the Liberal Party urged Ms Arroyo to ignore the tape scandal.

Recto said she should ignore as well "the political orphans of [2004 opposition standard-bearer] Fernando Poe Jr., and focus on the more dangerous FPJ—food, poverty and jobs."

'Let sunshine in'

Magsaysay, who described himself as an independent member of Lakas, said that the Arroyo administration should be given the benefit of the doubt, and that another People Power uprising would weaken democracy.

But he said there was "some perceived threat" to Ms Arroyo's presidency because of the allegations against her and her family.

Like Drilon, Magsaysay said the President should issue "strong statements" and show the people that she would impose "internal discipline" on her family.

"She must practice some openness, let some sunshine in. She should remove the barnacles around her that are giving her all the trouble, those who are smart and [amassing] assets without working for them," he said.

He also said the President might consider sending her husband, son and brother-in-law "to a seminary and become like St. Paul, who was struck by the light."

Magsaysay rushed on Friday to the San Carlos Seminary, where Ong had sought safe haven, to help protect him.

But he denied that he was jumping ship. He said he went to the seminary only because his friend, lawyer Luis Sison, had sought his help in driving away five armed civilians who were able to enter the premises, possibly to harm Ong.

Small way out

Lacson denied having said that he was supporting Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel's call for the President's resignation.

"I said I'd rather see [Ms Arroyo] redeem herself—if she can still redeem herself, because right now she has a small way out [of the mess]," he said.

He also said Ms Arroyo could defuse political tensions by showing how she would "handle the case of Iggy and Mikey."

"She should ask them to resign from Congress and be fair game in an investigation," he said.

Lacson said the Arroyo lawmakers were still wielding influence by virtue of not only their relationship to the President but also their positions in Congress.

He said it was not enough for Ms Arroyo to order the Department of Justice to turn over the jueteng investigation to the Ombudsman.

A ranking administration senator, who asked not to be named, said he agreed with Lacson's remark that the resignation of the Arroyo lawmakers could help lend credibility to the jueteng inquiry.

As for the President's husband, who had been implicated in jueteng operations in Bicol, the ranking senator said: "She cannot ask him to resign as a husband."

Lacson belittled the statement of US Charge d'Affaires Joseph Mussomeli that the American government stood by Ms Arroyo and saw no threat to her presidency. *(See headline story, Page A2.)*

"That [statement] should be expected because this is an internal matter. The US government will not really interfere," Lacson said.

Too early

Bayan Muna Rep. Teodoro Casiño said it was too soon to expect Ms Arroyo's removal from Malacañang although "one could say that there are already several 'explosions' [that could lead to her fall]."

"It is still too early. The fall of [President Joseph] Estrada took months to happen [after the jueteng exposé against him)," the militant party-list congressman told the INQUIRER.

Casiño, then secretary general of Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, was an active participant in the "Estrada resign" movement, which was formed even before the ex-President's impeachment in 2000 and his fall in January 2001.

Casiño suggested that the situation could be ripe for a regime change by the time the President delivers her State of the Nation Address late next month, when certain political developments shall have happened and street protests shall have peaked.

In a news conference yesterday, militant party-list groups and their allies called on Ms Arroyo to resign and urged the public to protect and support Samuel Ong.

With a report from Norman Bordadora

No one's jumping ship, says Drilon

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strong," said Drilon.

He apparently was assured of this after ringing up administration Senators Manuel Roxas, Rodolfo Biazon and Magsaysay yesterday.

The Senate President did not say why these three senators were chosen for what appeared to be a loyalty check.

Drilon gave the statement after it was reported that 10 administration senators invited to dinner by the President last Wednesday had balked at going to Malacañang and giving unqualified support for the beleaguered Ms Arroyo.

But many administration allies, including members of the ruling Lakas-CMD, have been trooping to Malacañang since the jueteng and wiretap scandals blew up to show support for the President.

A total of 40 governors, 58 city mayors, 60 percent of mayors of the country's 1,500 municipalities, and a sizeable number of congressmen had dinner with the President on Friday, the night the ex-NBI official, Samuel Ong, surfaced with his "mother of all tapes."

House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles said the President did not look worried although the issue of Ong was "a serious concern."

"She (looked like she) had no problem and was confident. It was OK. Our members from all over the country expressed support for her," Nograles said.

Nograles said it was obvious that the opposition was behind the alleged wiretapping and was using it and the jueteng scandal to unseat Ms Arroyo.

"The sight of (opposition figures) flocking to San Carlos seminary is the factual proof that they are behind all of these destabilization attempts—the tape and the unfounded jueteng allegations," Nograles said.

"All of this should stop. They are nailing our country to the cross. The business community is already getting worried because of their machinations," he said.

The "Spice Boys" in Congress ridiculed the President's critics for their "comical attempt" at people power.

Representatives Rolando Andaya Jr., Robert Ace Barbers, Federico Sandoval II and Juan Miguel Zubiri called for sobriety and urged the public to resist extra-legal attempts to unseat the government.

"We condemn the almost comical attempt of a few to summon people power on the mere incoherent and unfounded statements of one man. That none came is a testament to our people's political maturity not to be swayed by those who accuse without proof, in a forum outside what is legal," they said in a joint statement.

The congressmen said Ong's tape should be authenticated first before people can make judgments about its contents.

"The tape has yet to be authenticated, an important requirement in this counterfeit capital of the world. Technology in the hands of bad guys can result in a tape that can be passed off as authentic," they said.

"In the remote possibility that the tape indeed is [authentic], then the correct response is to let the legal course take over. But this early we insist that the fruit of a criminal act—illegal wiretapping—cannot be made legal without inflicting permanent damage on our civil liberties," they said.

The Spice Boys rejected calls for the President to step down, saying that there was no cause for her to do so.

Apart from perfunctory expressions of support for the President, the 14 administration senators have not been making a beeline for Malacañang although Drilon and Roxas went to the Palace last week with other Liberal Party members.

Drilon said Magsaysay had assured him that his going to the San Carlos seminary did not mean he was withdrawing support from Ms Arroyo.

Magsaysay told Drilon he was there only to help his friend Luis Sison protect Ong, who believed his life was in danger after disclosing that he had the master copy of a tape of an alleged conversation between Ms Arroyo and Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano about fixing the results of the 2004 elections.

But when the INQUIRER asked Magsaysay if he still supported the President, he said: "Let's say I'm an administration senator who feels that we should come out with the bare facts to arrive at the truth."

Magsaysay said Ms Arroyo should ask the United States to determine the authenticity of the tape held by Ong, who he said deserved to be heard.

He said the truth about the conversations on the tape should be of more concern than any legal question about violations of the Anti-Wiretapping Law.

Drilon said he called up Biazon yesterday and he "had no doubt that he is with us."

He also called up Roxas and said there was "no question he is staying" with the coalition.

Biazon was affected by the tape controversy because part of the alleged conversation had the President and her husband, Mike Arroyo, interceding for Robert Barbers, who was neck and neck with Biazon in the count for the last senatorial slot. Biazon eventually won.

Biazon earlier said he did not see any reason to join Drilon and LP members in a show of support for Ms Arroyo because his loyalty was to his country.

Roxas, one of the first members of the Estrada Cabinet to resign when the latter was driven out of office in 2001, had refused to attend the Palace dinner.

Roxas, a scion of the wealthy Roxas-Araneta political and business clan who is said to be eyeing a presidential run in 2010, clinched the highest vote ever in any Philippine election.

Magsaysay, the son of the popular and charismatic President Ramon Magsaysay, had twice offered himself up as a candidate for President but failed to get the endorsement of his party in 1998 and 2004.

The administration senators are Drilon, Senate President Pro Tempore Juan Flavier, Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan, Manuel Villar, Joker Arroyo, Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Ralph Recto, Magsaysay, Roxas, Biazon, Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Richard Gordon, Pia Cayetano and Manuel "Lito" Lapid.

An administration senator said it was not true that all 14 senators had been invited to the Palace dinner. He said the invitation did not really come from the President but from "eager-beaver" aides who proposed that Ms Arroyo invite the senators to talk about the jueteng investigation.

Four administration senators earlier told the INQUIRER separately that the President had invited them to dinner to discuss the jueteng investigation and that 10 had agreed to go but backed out at the last minute.

Roxas had supposedly convinced his colleagues that going to the dinner would compromise their individual and institutional credibility.

'New battle is now vs foes from within'

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In remarks he delivered in behalf of his comrades, Hofileña said: "Nothing is better now than expressing in all sincerity our gratitude, which is never sufficient. For after having survived the second World War six decades ago and other disasters, not to mention our accidents and illnesses, we are still alive.

"Old and infirm but not agonizing yet, we find ourselves the centerpiece of this rare celebration. The Lord must be taking a hand in our lives. For this we thank and praise Him."

War memories

Organized by the Ateneo High School, the gathering of articulate gentlemen turned into the most somber of Blue Eagle reunions, where instead of lively stories of campus pranks and adventures, memories of war and lost innocence were shared over breakfast.

They gave voice to the wisdom of a fading generation—the last living eyewitnesses of the darkest period of Philippine history—at a time when war veterans receive public attention only in terms of their meager pensions and benefits.

"I think that in the future, our experiences will never be repeated. I think the future will instead have our young men fighting the enemies from within," said Perez.

The INQUIRER asked the group to assess how Filipinos had used the freedom and independence that the veterans had won.

Replied Perez: "During those times we were united. We could identify the Japanese; they didn't speak our language, their appearance was different.

"But now our enemies—you see them in newspapers, on TV, and you hear their voices. I'm not referring to everybody. But the enemies are there. And that is our problem—the enemies are now from within."

Perez, then barely out of his teens, saw war action in Australian and American units. He served as a messenger and air reconnaissance spotter, and also took part in ambushing the enemy.

Sighed Hofileña: "I get a little bit sentimental and frustrated now. The battle we're fighting now is much more difficult because we're dealing with people with different values and circumstances in life.

"The values now, especially the moral values, are very different."

The youth, for example, "don't read anymore, don't treasure studying anymore," Hofileña noted. "They are so distracted, glued to TV and computers, and don't read enough literature to make them develop values and idealism. There are not enough programs on TV that would cultivate [such values]. We're too much into the entertainment world, and not in the educational and moral world."

Not made for TV

As Hofileña remembered it, the war in all its "ugliness" was no made-for-TV spectacle.

Even with his father Roque serving as mayor of their hometown of Silay, Negros Occidental, his family had to flee to the mountains. His old man was later incapacitated by a centipede bite, and he, the son, became acting mayor just so the town's refugees would have a leader.

Hofileña's mother suffered a miscarriage after a bad fall while going down a slope to do the laundry. "We could not do anything, there was no medication," he recalled.

Often, there was only rice gruel and corn to eat. Meals were had twice a day.

"There were no clocks," he said, so the daily routine was dictated by the sun.

Hofileña joined the resistance in his province, but he was in Manila studying medicine when the war began.

"I took a *batel* (sailboat) that took 17 days to reach Negros," he said. "There were 70 passengers and we couldn't move from our spot on the boat throughout the trip. We prayed for wind. We shared two glasses of water to drink."

Escape

Nolasco, one of the 34 Ateneo ROTC cadets who volunteered to fight even after being ordered by the government to disband, relished recounting his escape from the infamous Death March.

One of the POWs herded from Bataan, he furtively doffed his Army uniform, put on a a pair of pajamas that he found on the road, and pretended to be a civilian.

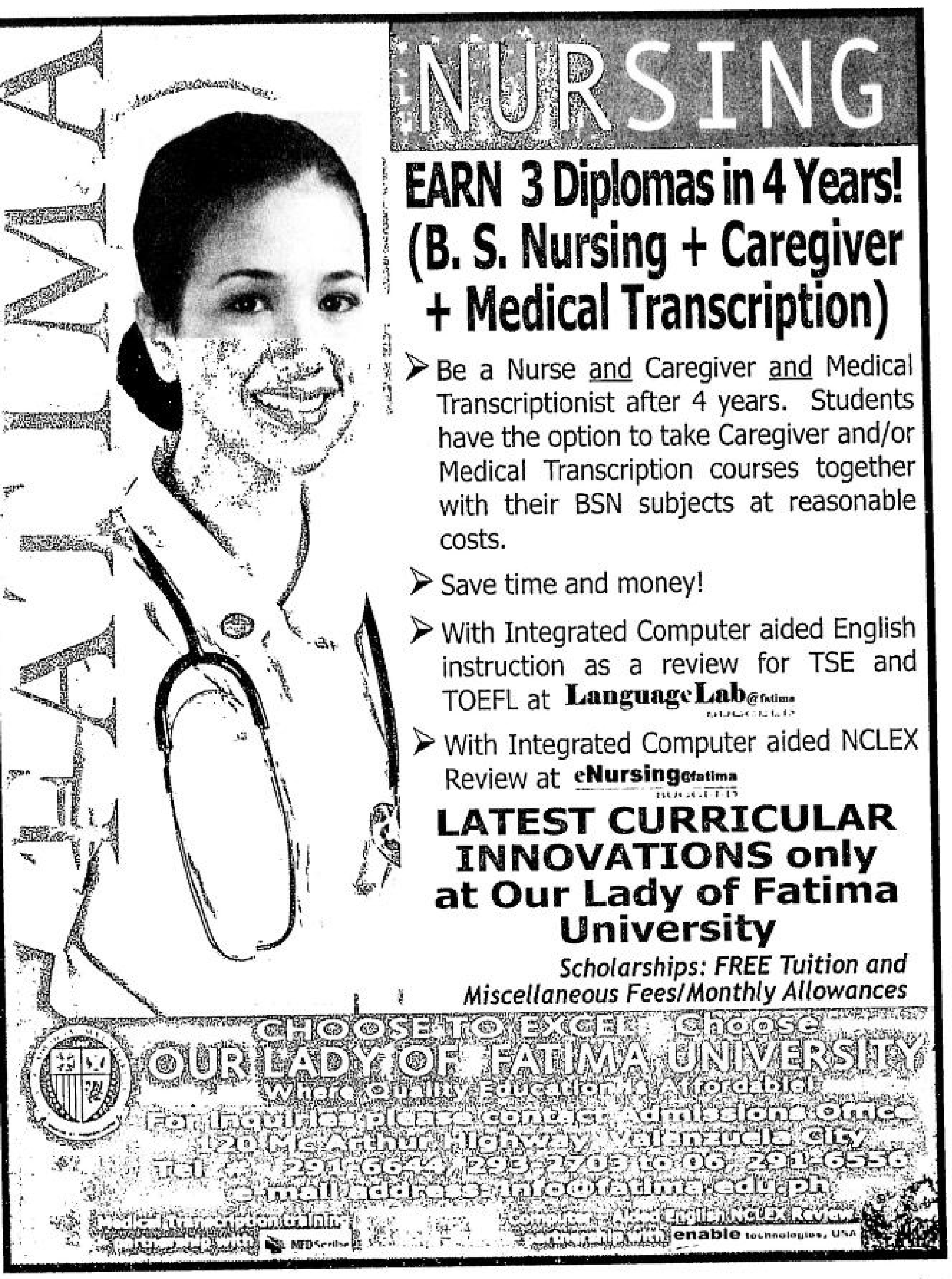
During a pause, he swapped his boots for *abaca* sandals that he also got from among the bundles abandoned by civilians forced into the march.

"Then I approached a civilian woman who was carrying a child, and asked her to tell the Japanese that I was her husband," Nolasco said. Posing as a couple, they slowly broke away from the line on the fourth day of the march.

He said he failed to even get the woman's name when, after covering a safe distance, they parted ways somewhere in Pilar, Bataan.

Chuckling, Nolasco, 84, said the "acting" skill he had honed during his Ateneo days came into full play at that time: "I used it to my advantage."

But after the war, he fought new battles as one of the old guards of the labor movement that sprang from the Filipinos' "disillusionment" with the Philippines' US governors following Liberation.



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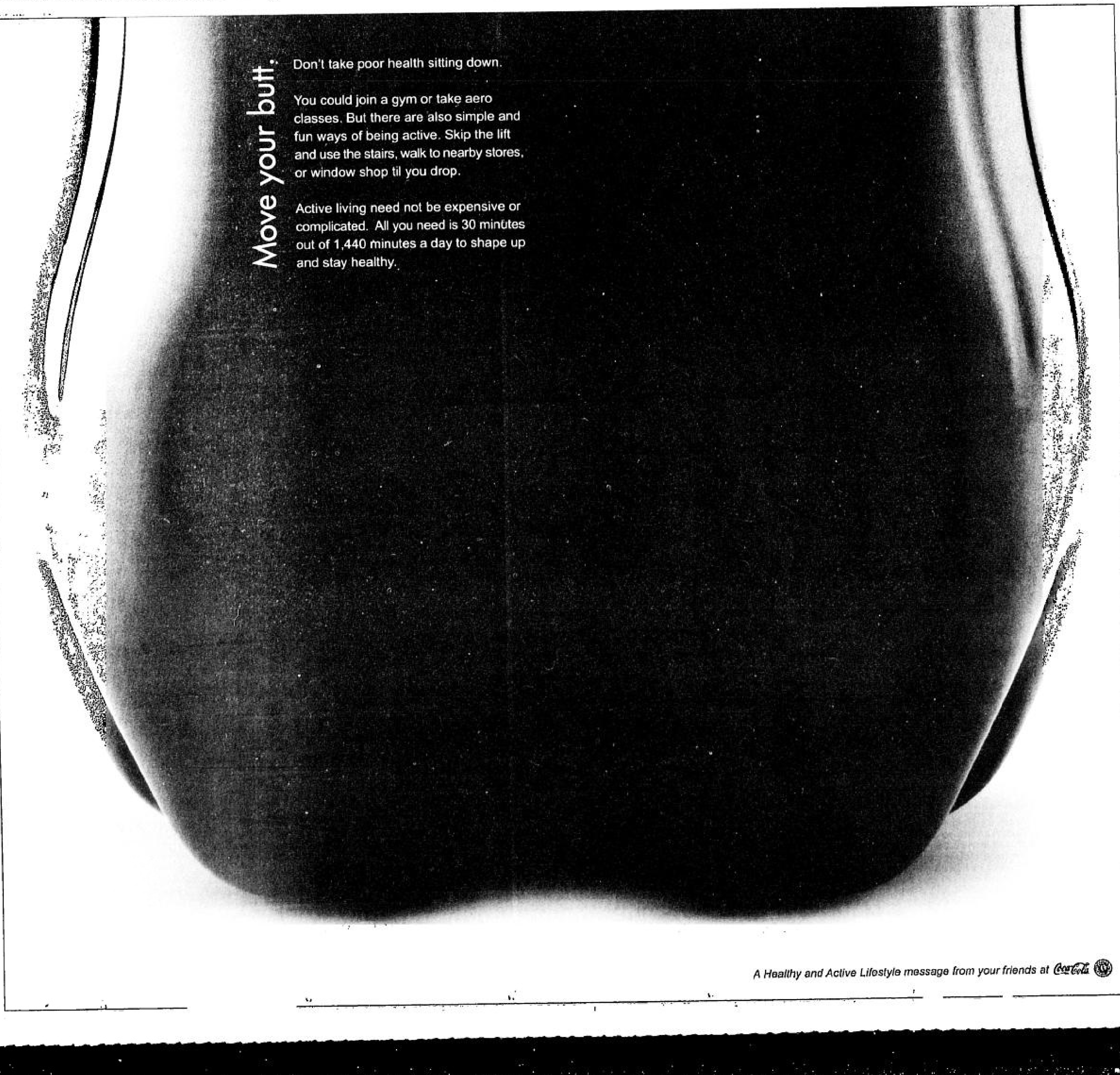

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Policy dispute delaying road network project

By Christine A. Gaylican

A P2.8-BILLION road network project that seeks to decongest Manila's main thoroughfares is facing a major setback after the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) refused to support its implementation.

The Metro Manila Interchange Construction Project, now on its fifth phase, is being delayed due to policy differences with officials of the MMDA. The project is funded by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).

The project, co-implemented with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), aims to unclog the busy intersections of North and West Avenues, and Roosevelt Avenue on Edsa.

It also seeks to give easier access to vehicles from Pasig City going to Makati City, using C-5 Road.

JBIC's country representative Mayumi Endoh and country manager Floro Adviento admitted in a press briefing that the interchange project, under which majority of the flyovers and underpasses along Edsa were put up, has not moved for close to three years now.

Weak coordination

"There has been weak coordination between the DPWH and the MMDA. We are encountering delays due to the lack of support from the MMDA for the continued implementation of the project," Endoh said.

Endoh noted policy differences with the MMDA since Chair Bayani Fernando took over in 2002.

Fernando said in a separate interview that the agency has a different road plan, which he refused to elaborate over the phone.

The MMDA over the past few years has been working on a mix of traffic solutions that include removing road and sidewalk obstruction, replacing intersections with U-turn slots and pedestrian lanes with footbridges.

The MMDA said the road reformation program it had been implementing has led to faster travel time.

Kalayaan problem

Also, travel time from Pasig to Makati through C-5 is currently only being hampered by poor traffic management at the Kalayaan Avenue intersection, which is being handled by the local government.

Endoh said the agency would soon discuss with the DPWH and the National Economic and Development Authority whether the project would be redesigned or canceled.

Adviento said other projects that may be reconsidered due to coordination problems were those along España, Manila, and E. Rodriguez Avenue in Quezon City.

Under JBIC's Metro Manila Interchange Construction Project, high-density traffic due to rapid population growth has been eased with the construction of flyover or underpass interchanges: Edsa/Magallanes; Edsa/Ayala Avenue/Pasay Road; Edsa/Bonifacio Avenue; Edsa/Shaw Boulevard; Edsa/Aurora Boulevard, Cubao, and Edsa/Quezon Boulevard.

Fire-hit school to hold regular classes in tents

DESPITE a fire that gutted its building Friday, regular classes will be held starting Tuesday at the Tinajeros National High School in Malabon City.

There would be no disruption of classes, even if books for distribution and lesson plans were destroyed, said school principal Fortunato Pascual.

"Classes will continue in the school's quadrangle, and students would be divided into three shifts so as not to disrupt the lessons," Pascual said.

He added that the more than 1,000 students would hold classes in tents and sit on monobloc chairs to be provided by the local government while a new building was constructed.

The local government and the Department of Education have promised to fund a replacement building. *Nancy C. Carvajal*

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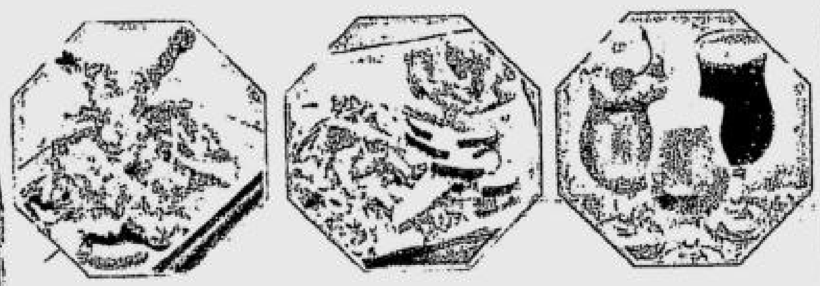
231 scholars at Perpetual

A TOTAL of 231 Bachelor of Science in Nursing students were granted scholarships by the University of Perpetual Help System (UPHS) in the second semester of school year 2004-2005, an increase of 123 from the first semester's 108. Dean Raquel Castillo, RN, MSN, said this could be attributed to the thrust of the UPHS College of Nursing to become a center for excellence in nursing education. Earlier, Dr. Antonio L. Tamayo, CEO of Perpetual Help Schools, called for UPHS nursing colleges to strive for excellence in the field. In a related development, Ma. Imelda O. Javier, RN, MAN, Director of Corporate Office for Nursing Education of UPHS, reported that in the June 2004 Comprehensive Nursing Licensure Examinations, the UPHS Las Piñas campus ranked 16th in a field of 218 schools, while the Biñan and Manila campuses made the top 30. Javier cited data from a publication of the Professional Regulation Commission Board of Nursing. Recently, UPHS opened a campus in Isabela after its operation received government approval.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San Carlos seminary puts schedule on hold

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

SEMINARIANS at the San Carlos Seminary in Makati City had to forego their weekly outdoor games yesterday.

The games, as well as other scheduled activities, were suspended after opposition leaders, media persons and demonstrators trooped to the formation center, security guards said.

Samuel Ong ran to the seminary to seek refuge after he claimed that he had the "mother of all tapes" which would allegedly prove that President Macapagal-Arroyo cheated in the last elections.

Shortly before noon yesterday, an old man squeezed through the thick crowd of media persons and demonstrators.

He asked the guards that he be let in to attend a catechism session.

But the guards told him the session had been canceled, much to the old man's dismay.

The guards said the events were canceled because of the tense situation inside and outside the eight-hectare seminary.

Aside from opposition leaders going in and out of the compound, about 20 media persons were also allowed inside the compound until afternoon.

Because of the event, the usually clean grounds of the seminary were littered with empty mineral water bottles and disposable plates discarded by members of media inside.

Outside, policemen and people also filled the sidewalk with trash.

Flood-free Las Piñas

RESIDENTS of Las Piñas can expect less flooding in the city during the rainy season after the local government completed a massive unclogging and desilting operation.

Mayor Mel T. Aguilar said that except for some low-lying areas, waterways in identified flood-prone zones in the city had been cleared of obstruction. The mayor added that this would ensure the continuous flow of flood water when the rains come.

Meanwhile, Aguilar again appealed to residents to practice waste segregation to help prevent flooding.

Politicians, policemen bow to 'higher authority'

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

POLITICIANS and police officials are known to have their way, but not at the San Carlos Seminary.

The police chief of the Southern Police District came. Opposition leaders arrived with their escorts. But all of them had to wait for what seminary officials and security guards had to say yesterday.

And they had to wait under the intense heat of the sun, their clothes drenched in sweat, to find out if they would be allowed to enter the formation center.

Five security guards, who took orders only from officials of the Roman Catholic Church and who manned the narrow pedestrian passage at the main gate, stood in their way.

Inside the seminary, lawyer Samuel Ong, who claims to have the "mother of all tapes" that would allegedly prove President Macapagal-Arroyo cheated in last year's presidential elections, was seeking refuge.

Makati City Mayor Jejomar Binay showed up shortly before 10 a.m. in front of the gate with former Sen. Francisco Tatad.

Binay argued with the guards, but he was let in only after about 20 minutes.

Some bystanders teased the guards for not allowing the mayor to enter when the seminary is within the jurisdiction of his city.

But while Binay was let in, Tatad was not. So, the frustrated former senator left after waiting for more than half an hour.

Pamatong walkout

Lawyer Elly Pamatong, who made the headlines last year when he admitted masterminding the scattering of metal spikes that punctured car tires on Edsa, also got tired of waiting and walked out.

By noon, opposition Sen. Jamby Madrigal arrived. She was accompanied by two security escorts and a few assistants.

But just like those who came before her, she had to wait outside.

"I came here to help protect the life of a man who is in danger," Madrigal told reporters who had also gathered in front of the gate.

But the guards told her that they first had to ask their superiors whether or not to let her in.

Tired, she borrowed a copy of the INQUIRER from one of the reporters and started reading.

But after reading the entire paper and giving some interviews, she remained outside.

After 30 minutes, SPD director Chief Supt. Wilfredo Garcia approached a guard and asked if he could come in.

Garcia had apparently monitored reports from within the seminary that supporters of Ong had found a white Mitsubishi Lancer which nobody claimed.

Under the car's passenger seat was an M-16 rifle, radio reports quoted seminary officials as saying.

In a press conference later in the afternoon, Ong implied that the gun was supposed to be used to kill him.

"We will go inside to check the property," Garcia told reporters when asked why he was trying to get inside. He said he was not after Ong.

But like Madrigal, he was forced to wait.

Sandwiched by the crowd, Madrigal later asked Garcia how the situation was. The officer replied that everything was fine.

"*Kumusta na ba si Gloria? Mukhang masama ang tingin,*" Madrigal later asked, referring to Ms Arroyo's picture on yesterday's INQUIRER front page.

But Garcia just smiled. He left after a while, saying he would just go to the toilet.

He never came back.

After an hour, Madrigal left the gate and stayed inside her car.

Before leaving, she called someone on the telephone and said, "They slammed the gate in my face."

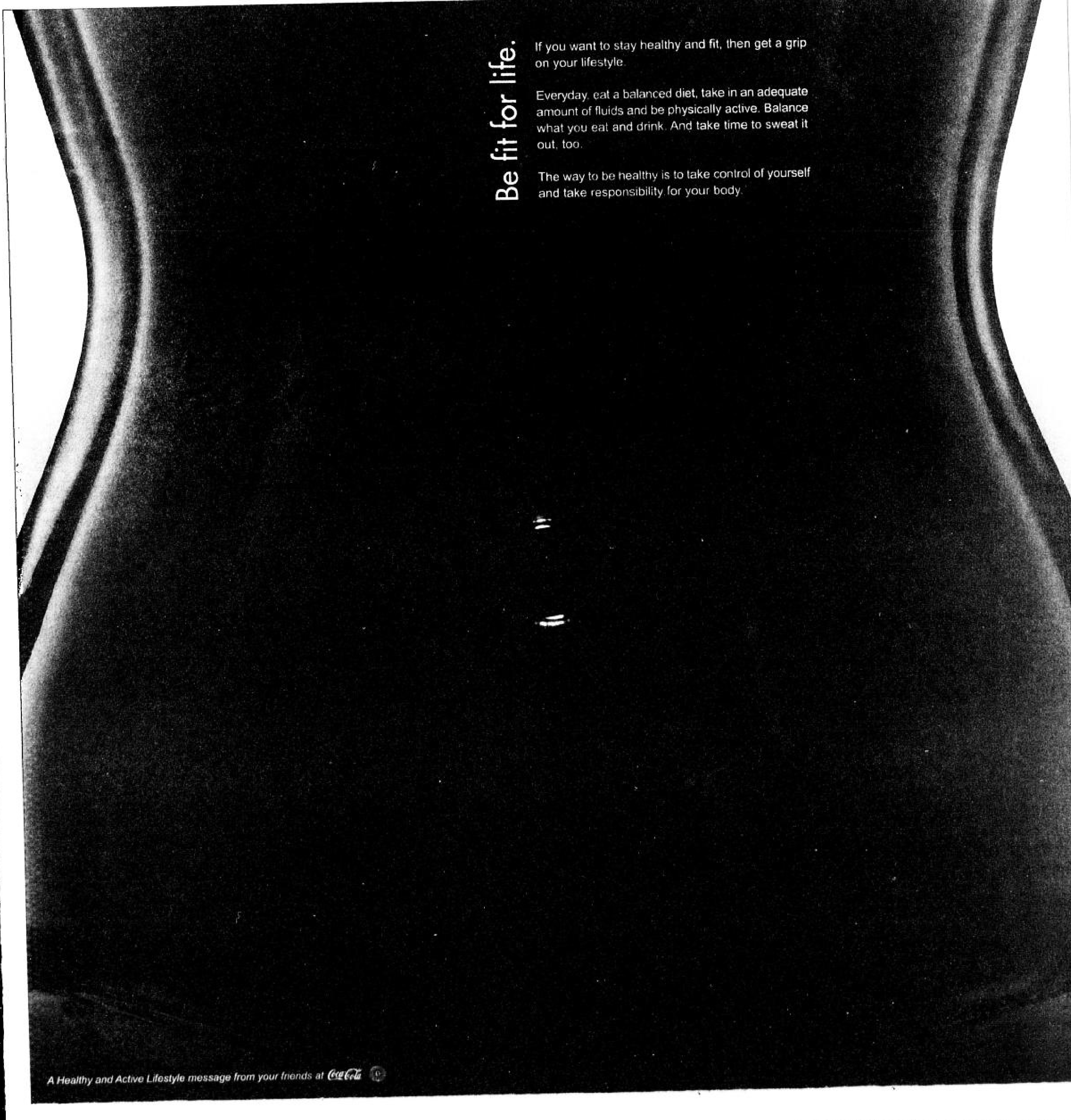
She never made it inside.

The guards were also strict with media persons.

Only about 20 members of the media were allowed to stay near the guard house inside the compound, which was covered with trees.

Most were forced to stay under the scorching sun outside the gate.

The guards just made sure every television network and major newspaper was represented inside the compound.



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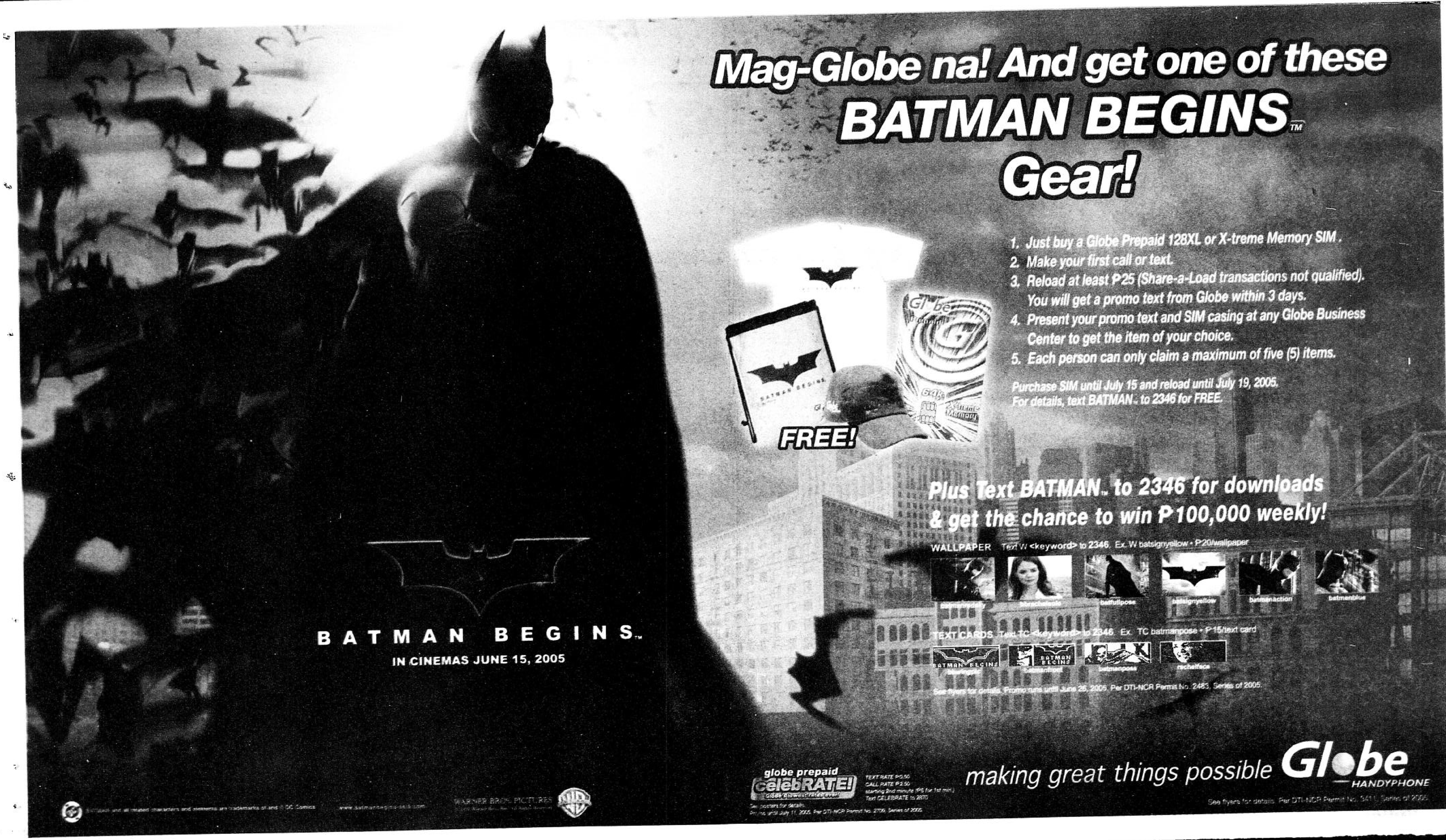

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Red Bull ruins Gins' Slam hopes

GAME TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
4:15 p.m. or 6 p.m.—Shell vs Sta. Lucia Realty

By June Navarro

ANTIPOLO CITY—Barangay Ginebra's grand slam aspirations vanished in a high-intensity game the defending champions could have won.

Earl Barron's steady free throw shooting capped Red Bull Barako's great escape from 27 points down as they eliminated the Gin Kings, 90-89, and charged into the quarterfinals of the Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference last night.

In the second game, Anthony Miller scored 26 points and Renren Ritualo added 30 after going four of seven from the field as FedEx defeated Purefoods, 99-89, to force a decider in their best-of-three wild-card series.

Champions the past two conferences, the Gin Kings squandered what seemed to be their closest bid for a grand slam almost 10 years after Alaska achieved the hat-trick in 1996.

"I believe it was one of the greatest comebacks the league had ever seen," said Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao after the Barako overhauled a 63-36 deficit and arranged a best-of-three quarterfinal series with the Alaska Aces.

Pulling off reversals, however, is nothing new to Guiao and the Barako.

Red Bull rallied from 25 points in the second period and 20 in the final quarter to turn back Shell in a knockout match during the wild-card phase of the Fiesta Cup last year.

"We carved out one stone at a time and put the pressure on them (Kings)," said Guiao. "They had that huge lead and thought it was safe."

Barron confidently sank the final six charities of the Barako, the last pair coming in with six seconds remaining before Ginebra's Egay Echavez lost control of the ball on the next play to abruptly end the season of the Kings.

"Earl (Barron) is a big-time player. He made big stops and big shots in the end," said Guiao. "But one player really worth mentioning was Bryan Gahol. He gave us the spark and nobody expected him to perform that way."

Taken for granted, Gahol had some good looks at the basket at the height of Red Bull's comeback while employing a stifling defense on Hiram Fuller that somehow slowed the Kings' offensive onslaught.

Barron had 18 of his 34 points in the final half and pulled down 16 rebounds, Junthy Valenzuela scored his 12 points in the third while Lordy Tugade clustered 11 points in the fourth to complete Red Bull's monumental upset.

Fuller took over in the final quarter by tossing in 13 of his 27 points but Red Bull's defensive crackdown forced him to miss a couple of decisive shots in the dying seconds. He also blew two free throws down the stretch.

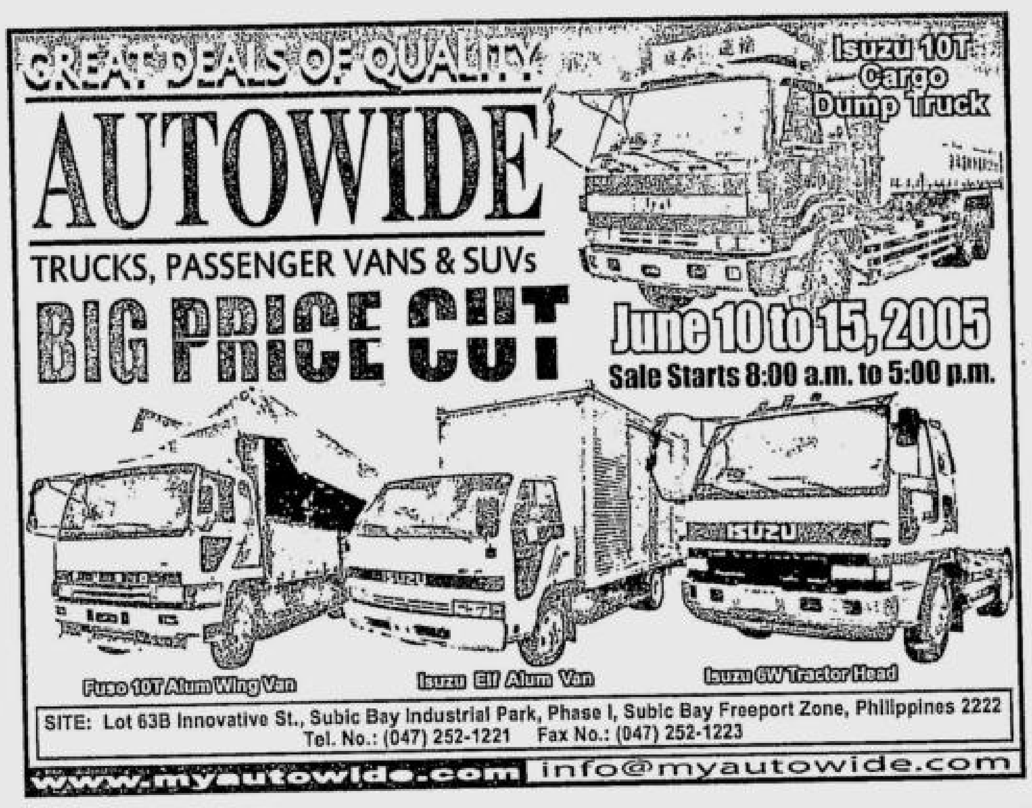
The scores:

First Game

RED BULL 90—Barron 34, Valenzuela 12, Tugade 11, Torion 10, Feihl 10, Gahol 5, Villanueva 3, Asaytono 3, Ybañez 2, Robinson 0, Baguio 0, Ejercito 0, Meneses 0.

GINEBRA 89—Fuller 27, Caguioa 22, Santos 13, Echavez 8, Dimaunahan 8, Adducul 6, Seigle 5, Salvacion 0, Ballesteros 0.

Quarters: 19-21, 27-48, 65-70, 90-89.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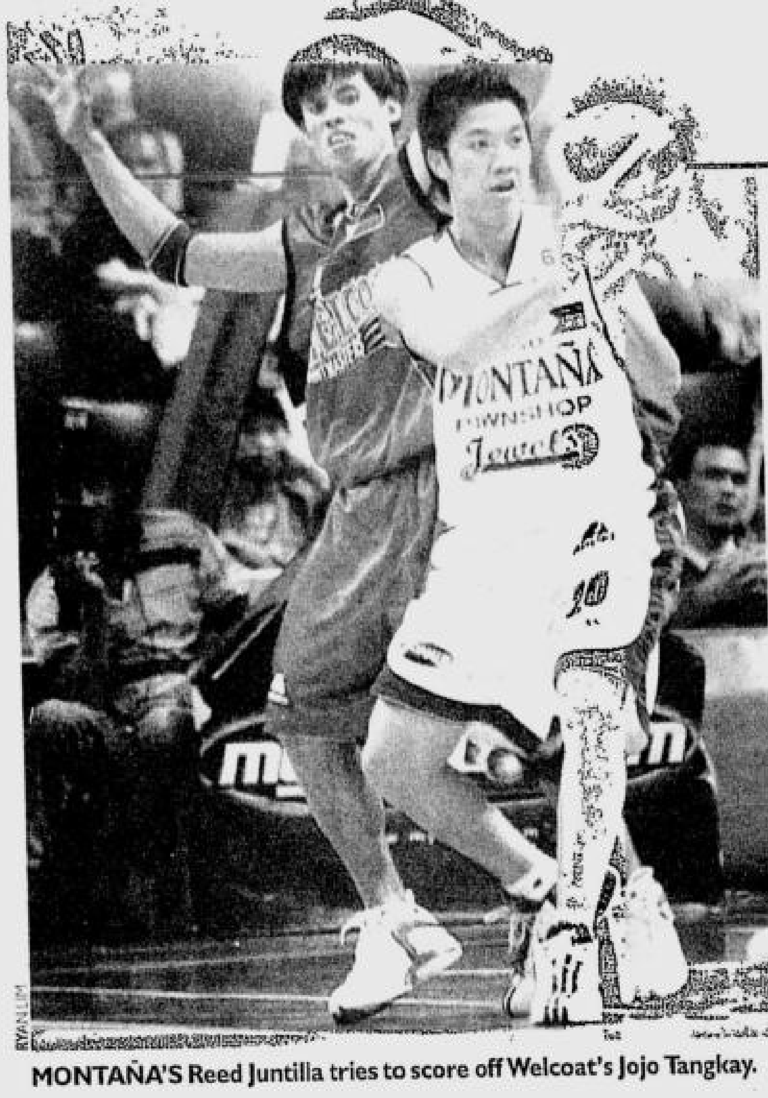


MONTAÑA'S Reed Juntilla tries to score off Welcoat's Jojo Tangkay.

Welcoat 5 nears PBL title sweep

GAME TUESDAY (*Cuneta Astrodome*)
3:30 p.m.—Welcoat vs Montaña

By Jasmine W. Payo

WELCOAT charged back from 18 points down in the third period yesterday to pound out a 65-62 victory over Montaña and move within a victory of sweeping the Jewels for the PBL Unity Cup.

The Paintmasters held Montaña to a field goal in the fourth quarter while dropping an 18-0 bomb to eventually zoom to a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five series.

Fantastic Freshman awardee Paolo Orbeta keyed the spirited surge, scoring all his eight points in the fourth quarter that backed up Anthony Washington's 18 points and 16 rebounds.

"Credit goes to the players," said coach Caloy Garcia after the thrilling win put Welcoat on the verge of winning its 11th title since joining the league in 1996.

"I told (Anthony) Washington that we needed him in this game," Garcia added. "And Orbeta stepped up again."

Welcoat, which took the series opener, 82-80, tries to clinch it on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. also at the Cuneta Astrodome in Pasay.

Montaña looked headed to tying the series up as a relentless offensive put the Jewels ahead, 57-39 after three quarters and 59-43 after a Jon Dan Salvador basket at the 9:44 mark of the fourth.

But that Salvador bucket turned out to be the Jewels' only field goal for the quarter.

Erick dela Cuesta, who shot 12 of his 14 points beyond the arc, later tried to force overtime but missed on two three-point attempts in the closing seconds.

Salvador and Alex Compton, who combined for 48 points for the Jewels in Game 1, were practically non-factors offensively.

Salvador was held to only 10 points, while Compton failed to score in 10 minutes, nursing a sprained left ankle sustained during practice.

Jay-R Reyes scored five straight points, touching off the searing Welcoat comeback.

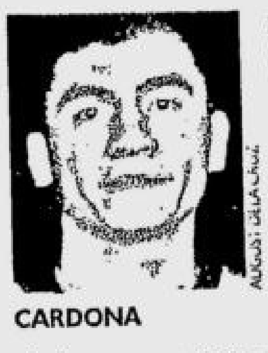
The scores:

WELCOAT 65—Washington 18, Tangkay 12, Najorda 9, Orbeta 8, Tan 7, Reyes 7, Ortiguerra 2, Coching 2, Sta. Maria 0.Dy 0, Junio 0.

MONTAÑA 62—Dela Cuesta 14, Juntilla 11, Salvador 10, Baguion 9.Vergara 8,Guerraro 6, Capus 2, Espiritu 2, Compton 0, Mercado 0.

Quarters: 11-12, 25-38, 43-57, 65-62.

Harbour-Centre's Cardona is MVP



CARDONA

HE ALWAYS had the spunk, talent and flash of an amateur superstar.

But Mac Cardona's chances of winning the Most Valuable Player award turned from strong to slim after Harbour Centre failed to make the Final Four of the PBL Unity Cup.

"I was depressed for weeks," confessed the 23-year-old guard. "I don't know what happened to the team, maybe we got tired."

But Cardona's big numbers—and the intensity and leadership he showed every time he stepped on the court—just couldn't be ignored.

"I really didn't expect this," said Cardona, who finally bagged the MVP plum during the Achievement Awards yesterday. "It would have been better if our team made it to the finals."

Cardona led the league in scoring at 22.9 points per game. The 6-foot-1 guard, who powered the La Salle Archers to another UAAP championship last year, also topped in steals at 2.54 spg, ranked sixth in assists at 2.72 and eighth in rebounds at 6.63 rpg.

The statistical points leader (418), Cardona also earned the votes of the players and the media (389).

Cardona edged the league's best big men including Anthony Washington of Welcoat (371 statistic points and 385 player-media votes) and Jon Dan Salvador of Montaña (344 statistical points and 359 votes).

Cardona is expected to be among the top picks in the PBA rookie draft this August.

Cardona, Washington and Salvador was joined in the Mythical Five with Arwind Santos of Magnolia and JR Quiñahan of Granny Goose.

Welcoat's Paolo Orbeta bagged the Fantastic Freshman award.

LA Tenorio of Harbour Centre, Froilan Baguion of Montaña, Dennis Miranda of Magnolia, Leo Najorda of Welcoat and Yousif Aljamal of Nenaco completed the Mythical Selection.

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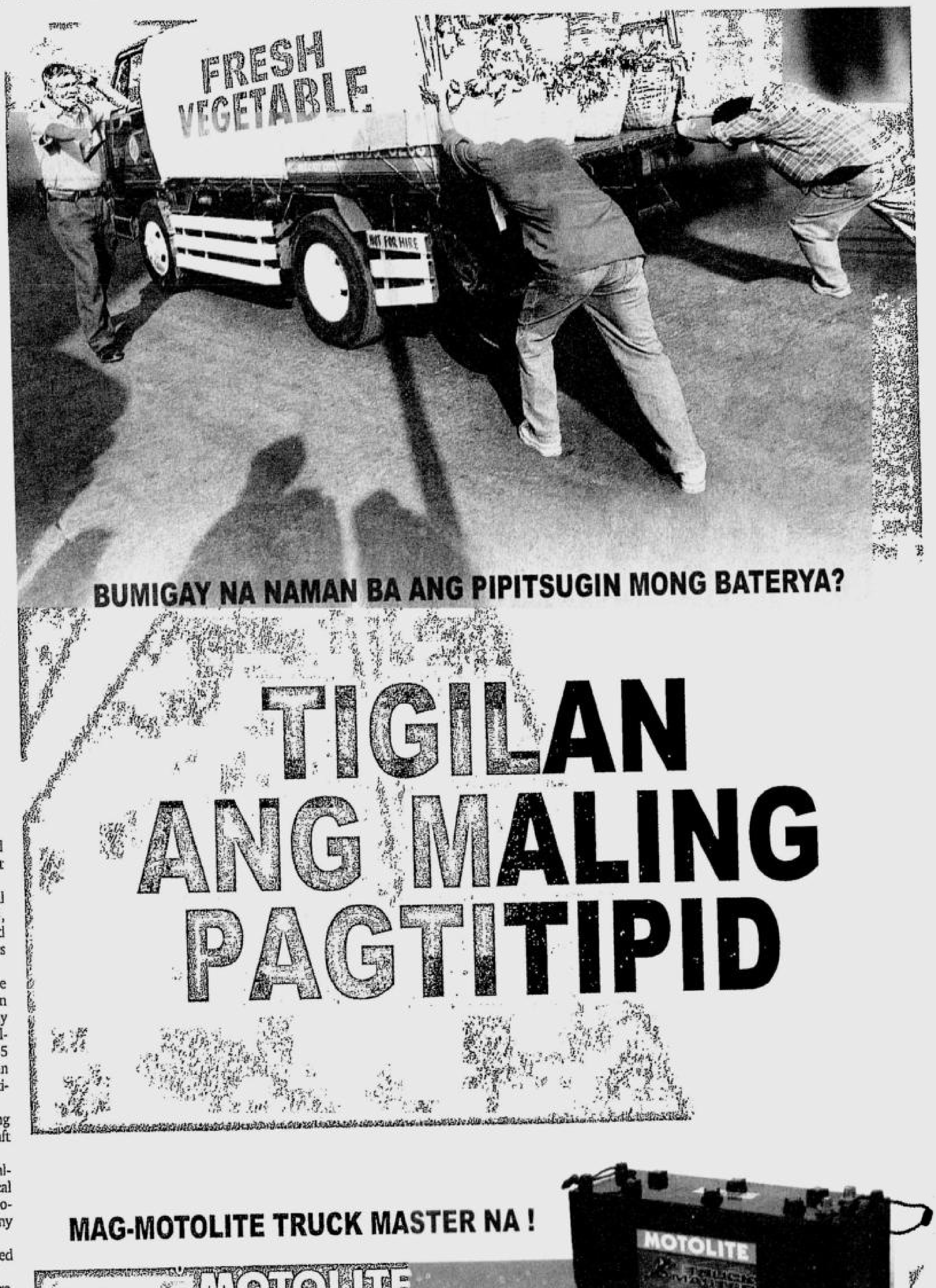

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Baguio Lions repulse Cavite Insurers in overtime

BAGUIO CITY—Vice Mayor Reinaldo Bautista Jr.'s Baguio Lions struck hard in overtime to turn back Far Eastern Insurance-backed Cavite Insurers, 82-73, in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship Friday night at the UB gym here.

Slotman Joel Bona scored nine straight points, including a triple, in the extension to give the Texas Instruments Philippines/Beneco-backed Lions their first win in three starts.

Jun Balares gave the Lions a 68-66 lead in regulation, but Cavite's Jun Panares sank two charities with less than 50 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

It was the fourth loss in six games for the Insurers in the tourney supported by Panasonic, Sulpicio Lines, Cebu Pacific, Philtranco, Accel, Molten, Spring Cooking Oil, Sunbolt, Nature's Spring, Far Eastern Insurance, Skygo Motorcycles, Sirlitz Solutions Provider, Hapee Toothpaste, Dewfoam Corp., Ping Ping Lechon, Rough Rider Jeans, Bayview Park Hotel and Holiday Plaza-Cebu.

"The boys were simply tired of losing. They really gave their best tonight," said Baguio coach Nap Garcia.

The Insurers of Bacoor Vice Mayor Edwin Malvar and Rep. Ireneo "Ayong" Maliksi led for three quarters—18-13, 38-33 and 57-55—but lost their touch in the face of the Lions' tight defense in the homestretch.

Edbert Ton sparked Baguio's rally in regulation. In the overtime period, Bona and Obert Giron combined to complete the Lions' comeback.

The Scores:

BAGUIO 82—Bona 16, Giron 16, Fontanilla 15, Ton 10, Mondina 6, Rolan 6, Mapanao 6, Balares 4, Cole 2, Elinger 1

CAVITE 73—Altunaga 17, Codamon 12, Panares 11, Hicban 10, Valdez 6, Mopera 5, Sierra 5, Piodo 3, Quiambao 2, Zagala 2

Quarters: 13-18, 33-38, 55-57, 68-all, 82-73

Bumgarner sustains torrid qualifying pace

BUMGARNER: Fastest in qualifying

CARMONA, Cavite—Asian female karting sensation Michelle Bumgarner extended her winning run yesterday, ruling the first of three qualifying heats going into today's kickoff leg of the Asia Zone Open Karting Championship at the Carmona Circuit here.

Barring major hitches going into the last two qualifying runs later in the day, the 16-year-old pride of M&M Racing who has dominated her class since Day 1 of the series backed by PLDT myPAD, is well on the way to garnering top position in the grid for the final race.

Bumgarner submitted a time of 42.514 seconds at the 1.3-km track, churning out the best time for the third straight day. She was well ahead of Indian Ryan Mnoarfa, who clocked 42.874.

Michelle's younger brother, Mark, was third in 42.979 while another Filipino driver, Marlon Stockinger of Birel, was fourth in 43.299.

"Hopefully, I can manage to hold on until Sunday. I am pretty confident luck will stay with me all the way," Michelle said.

In the Rotax Max Seniors class, Matteo Guidicelli of CRG made up for his third place finish in the practice run on Friday by ruling the first qualifying heat over 16 other entries.

He crossed the finish line in 44.949, just a shade ahead of teammate Ivan Carapiet, who had a qualifying time of 44.749.

Guidicelli is hoping the rains would come today, saying it would be his biggest ally.

"I prefer rainy racing. It disturbs me when the weather is hot," he said.

"I have the momentum. I will try to give my best," he said.

Today's finals will be shown live on Studio 23, with the first race set at 10:30 a.m. and the second at 2:30 p.m. Race enthusiasts can log on to www.mypad.net for updates on the races.

FEU spikers outplay Lady Pirates

Games tomorrow (Rizal Coliseum)
3 p.m. – San Sebastian vs. Ateneo
5 p.m. – La Salle vs Santo Tomas

RUBY Rovira scattered 19 points, leading Far Eastern to a 25-14, 25-15, 16-25, 25-15 victory over Lyceum yesterday that left the Lady Pirates without a win at the end of the Shakey's V-League eliminations.

Rovira scored all but three of her total on kills and Mary Ann Manalo and Guenevere Baquir tossed in 12 and 10 points, respectively as the Lady Tams closed out with a 2-8 card.

The loss was Lyceum's 10th straight in the double-round elims sponsored by Shakey's Pizza.

The Lady Pirates' stint here was a big letdown from a strong showing in the fledging league's second conference just a couple of months back when Michelle Laborte and Cristina Salak were still with the team.

Dahlia Cruz and Beverly Boto scored 16 and 10 points, respectively, to lead the Lady Pirates, who couldn't keep up with the offensive might of Far Eastern in the game that took more than just an hour-and-a-half to decide.

Defending champion Santo Tomas ripped San Sebastian in the second game, 25-14, 25-17, 25-15 at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig to improve to 6-3.

The Tigresses and the surprising Lady Stags used the no-bearing game to prepare for the double round semifinals that start next week.

San Sebastian took its second loss in eight games.

Highlights of yesterday games will be shown on IBC-13 starting at 7 tonight, according to the organizing Sports Vision Management Group Inc.

Camel Supercross resumes

GLEN Aguilar in action during the Iloilo leg of camel supercross

AFTER a highly successful kickoff leg in Iloilo City, the Camel Supercross International Championship Series 2005 resumes its island-hopping sorties with the second leg in Bacolod City on Fathers' Day, June 19.

Venue of the one-day race organized by the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (NAMSSA) and sponsored by Camel for the 15th year now, is the Talisay Stadium in Talisay City.

The country's top riders, led by eight-time national champion Glenn Aguilar and Bebet de la Cruz, will strut their wares anew in the centerpiece Camel pro open and pro 125 categories before an expected large weekend crowd.

Aguilar, who dominated the pro open category during the Camel-sponsored race in Iloilo City last May 22, is again expected to find strong challenge from guest foreign rider Chaiyan Romphan of Thailand.

Romphan, one of Thailand's fast-rising supercross stars, is expected to give Aguilar and the rest of the Filipino campaigners a difficult time in much the the same way as Tadakasu Otsuka of Japan and James Robinson of New Zealand did during the Iloilo leg.

Otsuka and Robinson, who were personally picked by Camel to participate in the Iloilo leg, gave Aguilar a tough time and kept the crowd of 12,000 up to its feet for most part of the day with their near-spectacular performances.

Like what Otsuka and Robinson did in the Iloilo leg, Romphan is expected to provide more thrills and excitement to the Camel Supercross Championship race in Bacolod," said JT International Phils. Brand marketing manager Edward Cruz.

3 Revtex motocross bets sizzle

AFTER conquering Pangasinan and Iloilo, Revtex riders, led by Glenn Aguilar, Bebet dela Cruz and Kenneth San Andres, brought their razzle-dazzle show to the heart of Bicolandia and Sarangani province, dominating three motocross tournaments.

Most recent of the Revtex team's conquest was the Sarangani Motocross Challenge, where Aguilar and Dela Cruz wowed the crowd with their amazing brand of showtime, fashioning out a 1-2 finish in the Pro 125 before a throng of 15,000 fans.

It was the same story in the 1st Gov. Lray Villafuerte Invitational Motocross at the Capitol Complex, Cadlan, Pili, Camarines Sur.

Aguilar, nicknamed the Revtex Rocket, due to his speed and awesome riding skills, and Dela Cruz, had another 1-2 finish for the visitors in the premier Pro 125 event. In the Pro 250, Dela Cruz and Aguilar switched places, thwarting veteran Jovy Saulog.

San Andres and his father-coach Jun-Jun followed suit by topping the Expert Open Production and Veterans' divisions, respectively, as Revtex plastered the opposition in the motocross festival organized by Villafuerte.

"We were able to dominate because of the team's experience, inherent riding skills and the world-class motocross (Revtex) oil that we use," said Aguilar, who leads the Pro Open and Pro 125 categories of the National Motocross Championships organized by Namssa.

Top players, firms join Open

THE COUNTRY'S finest players will be seeing action for the country's top corporations in the JVC Open Badminton Championships beginning July 4 at the Glorietta Activity Center.

AB Leisure is expected to defend the crown it won last year, so does runner up The Star and fancied teams such as PLDT, Meralco, ABS-CBN, JG Summit, RCBC, Pilipinas Shell, Philippine Airlines Inc., Del Monte, Asian Development Bank and Philam Life. Other teams seeing action are Johnson & Johnson, Shell Exploration, Epson, Prudentialife, Total, Citibank, HSBC, JVC, New Zealand, Allied Bank and Globe.

Registration is ongoing with deadline set June 15, according to the organizing IMG. Entry fee is P2,500 and each team can field a minimum of 6 players (3 men, 3 women) to a maximum of 10. (5 men, 5 women). For details, call/text Joann at 0918-5094845 or Agnes at 0919-8353689; Nelson Asuncion (7252568 or 0917-5288970) or IMG at 8450162 (telefax) or email at jenriquez@imgworld.com or visit www.jvcbadminton.com. Heading the cast in the elite masters are the brother-sister tandem of Kennevic and Kennie Asuncion.

SPORTSWATCH

Golf Fellowship Centennial tomorrow

THE THIRD leg and grand finals of the Golf Fellowship Centennial Tournament organized by District 3780 to celebrate Rotary's 100 years of service will be held tomorrow at the Tagaytay Midlands course. Rotary Club of Metro West triangle-A sis gunning for the overall title in Division 1 as it goes into the shotgun-style final 18 holes toting a 12-point lead. Challenging RC-MWT-A is multititled RC Quezon City-A. RC Diliman leads the race for the Division II overall crown with a seven-point edge over RC Quezon City-B in this 4-to-play, 3-to-count format using the Stableford scoring system.

Fistorama airs Rubillar-Batawang bout

SAMSUNG'S Fistorama features this afternoon the light flyweight bout between veteran Roberto Rubillar and Bert Batawang over 10 rounds. The fight was held recently at the Mandaue City Sports Complex n Cebu in a card promoted by Sammy Gello-ani and shown worldwide through ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV. The event is supported by Samsung, Tanduay, PCSO and Mapecon is aired at 4 p.m. Sunday's on RPN-9. Golf Power Plus, featuring the elimination round of the Cantada Sports Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Challenge airs at 3 p.m.

Iligan hosts National Open chessfest

THE 2005 NATIONAL Open Chess Team Championship unfolds tomorrow at the St. Michael College Gym in Iligan City. The tournament sponsored and hosted by the city government of Iligan headed by Mayor Lawrence Ll. Cruz is open to chess teams from private and government sectors, schools and universities and clubs or associations. Each team should be composed of four regular players and one alternate. Only one titled player is allowed per team. Powerhouse Tagaytay City of Mayor Bambol Tolentino is expected to dominate the field with Grandmaster Joey Antonio manning the top board. The top players from boards 1-5 will get P3,000 each. For inquiries, contact tournament director Willie Abalos at 0920-6219898 and Iligan City sports director Frederick Siao at 0917-7190000.

Gran Copa de Manila June 24

THE COUNTRY'S top horses will be around when the Gran Copa de Manila is run on June 24 at the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite. Traditionally won by longshots since it hit the tracks in 1979 when then Manila mayor Ramor Bagatsing Sr. made it a highlight of the Araw ng Maynila celebrations at the Manila Jockey Club's San Lazaro Hippodrome, the event has grown by leaps and bounds. The event's gross sales for the day would be record-highs year after year. Last edition's gross of P32.4 million is again expected to be surpassed basing from the response and patronage of the public, who have been trooping over to 328 off-track stations. MJCI chair and president lawyer Alfonso Reyno Jr. said prize money would be allotted not only in the featured Divisions I and II but also in the 11 invitational races. The Division I and II winners will get P300,000 each.

Age-groupers off to Pattaya tourney

THE COUNTRY'S top age-groupers left yesterday to compete in the 6th ASEAN Age-Group Chess Championship slated June 12-20 in Pattaya, Thailand. Heading the delegation is Tagaytay City Mayor Bambol Tolentino. FIDE Master Wesley So banners the team as he sees action in the boys' under-12. The other members of the team are Julius Joseph De Ramos (boys' under-18), Jesus Alfonso Datu (boys' under-16), Jan Emmanuel Garcia and Christian Anthony Flores (boys' under-10), Chardine Cheradee Camacho and Judith Pineda (girls' under-12) and Arvie Lozano (girls' under-10). The trip is sponsored by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines headed by Go Teng Kok.

Canadian GP at Mild Seven F1 Club

WITH a nail-biting European F1 GP finish that saw Kimi Raikkonen's tires blowing in the last lap and handing Fernado Alsonso the win, the F1 series heads to Canada for the first back-to-back North American race this Sunday. Witnessed by millions and shown at the Mild Seven F1 Club in Speedzone, Ft. Bonifacio, the next round promises to be another cracker of a race. The eighth round will be shown live starting midnight of June 12. JVC, the official TV provider, has added Plasma TVs for all. Comfortzone Bar and Resto has installed a surround sound system. The fastest club in the Philippines is backed by Mild Seven, Speedzone, JVC, Puma Footwear and apparel, Colt 45, Colt Ice, Lonestar, Ultra and Light beers, MP Turbo and Speed with Joey 92.3 and Monster RX 93.1 FM. For info, call MP Turbo at 0919-4921575.

Hatawan at Roligon draws 140 entries

ENTRIES from the provinces continue to build up for the "Hatawan Sa Tag-Ulan 6-Cock Derby" on July 4, 6, 8, 11 and 13 at Roligon Mega Cockpit. As of yesterday, the number of entries with cockhouse reservations is 140. The influx of entries can be attributed to the eye-popping guaranteed prize of P3 million put up by host Rolly Ligon for an. entry fee of P8,800. More than 400 entries were registered in last year's edition. Ligon said the prize will be given to the winners regardless of the number of entries. The fastest winner will take a five-door Pajero automatic turbo diesel. Contact 8332275, 8331638 and 8529812.

CAGE CHAMPS:
Coach Ric Binarao (holding trophy) and his young stars, including Most Valuable Player Marlowe Miranda (center), Jerry Buslon, Roland Noche, Justine Binarao, Angelo Rol and Fil Santos after winning the Vergara, Mandaluyong Midget Basketball Tournament recently. League director of the tournament organized and sponsored by Alige, village NGO, was Ching de la Cruz (right) assisted by barangay coordinator Rico de la Cruz.

Lomibao rules nat'l women's chess finals

WOMAN International Master Sheerie Joy Lomibao bested Woman National Master Joann Toledo in the final round to rule the Women's Standard Chess Grand Finals yesterday at the Sunflower Hotel in Tagaytay City.

She took the win after just 22 moves of a Ruy Lopez, propelling her alone on top with 11.5 points.

Tournament revelation Shercila Cua ended her Cinderella campaign with a draw against Enerose Magno in 38 moves of Queen's Pawn to finish second with 11.0 points.

Cua paced the tournament hosted by Tagaytay City Mayor Bambol Tolentino from the far turn, but a series of draws in the homestretch stalled her bid to unseat Lomibao.

Cua took solace for earning a slot in the national team along with Lomibao and Magno, who finished with 10.0 points.

Pre-tournament favorite WIM Beverly Mendoza, the country's highest rated female player, ended her uneventful campaign with yet another draw—her third straight and sixth overall— with Ma. Zayrah dela Cruz.

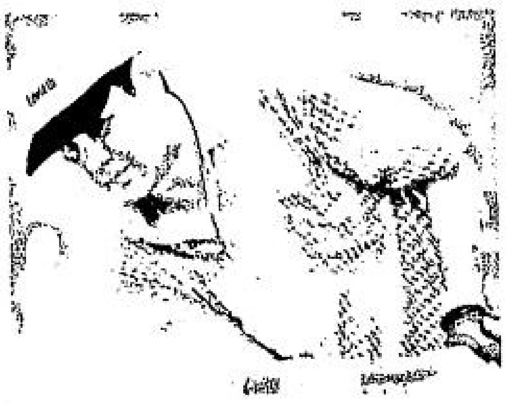
It proved enough to earn her another ticket to the Southeast Asian Games the country is hosting late this year, however, as she finished fourth with 9.0 points.

Last year's juniors champ WNM Aices Salvador halved the point with Arianne Aguja to finish alone in fifth with 8.0 total and grab the last seat in the women's national standard chess team.

Salvador got a helping hand from WNM Loreshyl Cuizon, who defeated reigning juniors champ WNM Sherily Cua in 49 moves of Queen's Gambit-Declined.

Salvador and Cua were tied at 7.5 entering the final round. The younger Cua settled for sixth.

Gaston targets repeat as Sr amateur champ



GASTON: Hot favorite

LIPA CITY—Francis Gaston will shoot for a second straight Philippine Senior Amateur crown when the 2005 edition serving as the second of three national men's championships tees off at the Mount Malarayat on Wednesday.

A stalwart of Luisita in the Philippine Airlines Interclub, Gaston will come into the 54-hole tournament fully recovered from a shoulder injury and is a rock-solid favorite to repeat.

Meanwhile, the composite Mounts Makulot and Lobo layout will go back to playing to a par 72, unlike in the 89th Philippine Open won by Aussie Adam Le Vesconte when it was stretched to 7,000 yards and played one stroke less.

The seventh hole of Makulot will again be a short par-5, a birdie hole for these seniors. The tournament will use the blue tees with the course to total just short of 6,300 yards.

The Malarayat remains to be one of the best all-weather courses in the country, though it will play a little easier with the roughs trimmed after challenging the best in Asia during the Open.

Aside from Gaston, the other big names in the field seeing action in the Open category are newly re-appointed PSC commissioner Richie Garcia and Iggy Clavecilla, his teammates at Luisita.

The event, organized by the NGAP, is being presented by ICTSI and San Miguel Corp. and backed by Aboitiz, Hanjin Group, Petron Blaze, Pagcor, PCSO, Philippine Airlines, the DOT and The Inns at the Malarayat.

The professional RP Open was the first national championship contested, while Jun Bernis will be defending his RP Men's Am title in September in Bacolod.

With Monday declared a holiday, the organizing NGAP has extended the registration deadline to lunchtime of Tuesday.

Entry fee for the Open category is pegged at P2,500 and P2,000 for the age groups, which will be played over 36 holes. Interested players can register at the NGAP office through 5256987 and 5245160 or 0916-6582517 and 0917-5607074.

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IN his 50 wins, 44 were by knockout. In all his 55 fights, he lost only five. Not bad.

The only thing bad is the owner of those numbers —Mike Tyson.

With a prison sentence for rape as just one of the many dark sides of his evil-draped life, Mike Tyson now wants his 56th fight to be the stepping stone to a new—and evil-free?—life.

That's today, when the 5-foot-11 Mike Tyson battles the 6-foot-6 Kevin McBride at the MCI Center in Washington. (I am sure Dennis Uy will make many boxing buffs happy again today with his pay-per-view invention at Angeles City.)

"I don't want to be that guy anymore," Tyson told Clifton Brown of the New York Times. "I liked to humiliate people, because I had been humiliated. I wanted other people to feel the pain I felt as a child."

As a child growing up in Brooklyn, Mike Tyson roamed the alleys of New York City fear-free.

He robbed the unwary.

He mugged the defenseless.

He knocked out cold people who dared challenge him, or block his path to, where else but, hell.

But before he could score his first kill, either through a knife or his bare fists, Cus D' Amato intervened. The renowned boxing trainer transformed the kid's fury into every boxer's dream: Fame and fortune.

In no time, Mike Tyson was lord of the ring. As the heavyweight champion of the world, he amassed enormous wealth.

Unfortunately, Cus D' Amato died. With his death, Mike Tyson lost the father he has never had.

It was all downhill from there.

Soon, he was as poor as a rat. Squandering more than $300 million from his ring earnings, he would soon declare bankruptcy in 2003.

But wonder of wonders, Mike Tyson would still command a prize each time he fought. In today's fight with McBride, Tyson will be paid $5 million.

He needs to win as the more he wins, the more opportunity he will have to be liquid again. But more than that, the more he wins, the more chances he will have to gun for another championship belt. At 38—he will turn 39 on June 30—time is fast running out on him.

In his last fight, he was knocked out last July 30 by Danny Williams in the fourth round.

But it was clear to everybody then that Mike Tyson lacked stamina as he took the fight for granted. With a new trainer, Jeff Fenech, Tyson said today's fight would be different.

"I'm equipped to beat Kevin McBride," Tyson said.

For this fight, Mike Tyson trained 10 weeks in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he now lives.

"He likes Jeff, so he has trained," said Shelly Finkel, Tyson's promoter. "At the beginning, he was throwing up and he was horrible. But as the weeks went on, we saw it coming together. It's not the greatest heavyweight division right now. While we're in a division that has more than one champion, he can pick someone and may become champion again."

McBride, besides being 7 inches taller than Tyson, looks formidable enough. McBride is 32-4-1, with 27 knockouts.

But Mike Tyson now insists this fight will be the start of a long journey toward becoming a better person, and not just a better boxer.

"I've had 30,000 chances," Tyson said. "I don't want the chaos anymore."

The chaos included biting a portion of Evander Holyfield's ear and marrying and divorcing twice in marriages marked by wife-beating.

I am still at a loss for words to explain the magnetism that Tyson has.

In his prime, Tyson was unbeatable, winning his first 37 fights, knocking out Trevor Berbick in the second round in 1986 to win the World Boxing Council title.

People had thought of him as a washout after that ear-chewing incident with Holyfield.

But every time a Tyson fight is announced thereafter, people got excited.

In today's fight alone, more than 13,000 tickets had been sold, and it could be a sellout by the time Tyson enters the ring. Even sociologists are left struggling to explain the mystic behind Tyson's name.

Tyson has always been grist for copy and his fight today will be no exception. But first, though, he needs to win today to restore his credibility as another heavyweight contender again, never mind that he remains the Baddest Man on the Planet.

"There's another fight, though, after this fight," Tyson said. "The fight of life. I'm almost perfect in the fighting business, 50-5. But in the fight of life, I'm a pug. I'm a palooka."

Is Tyson for real - finally?

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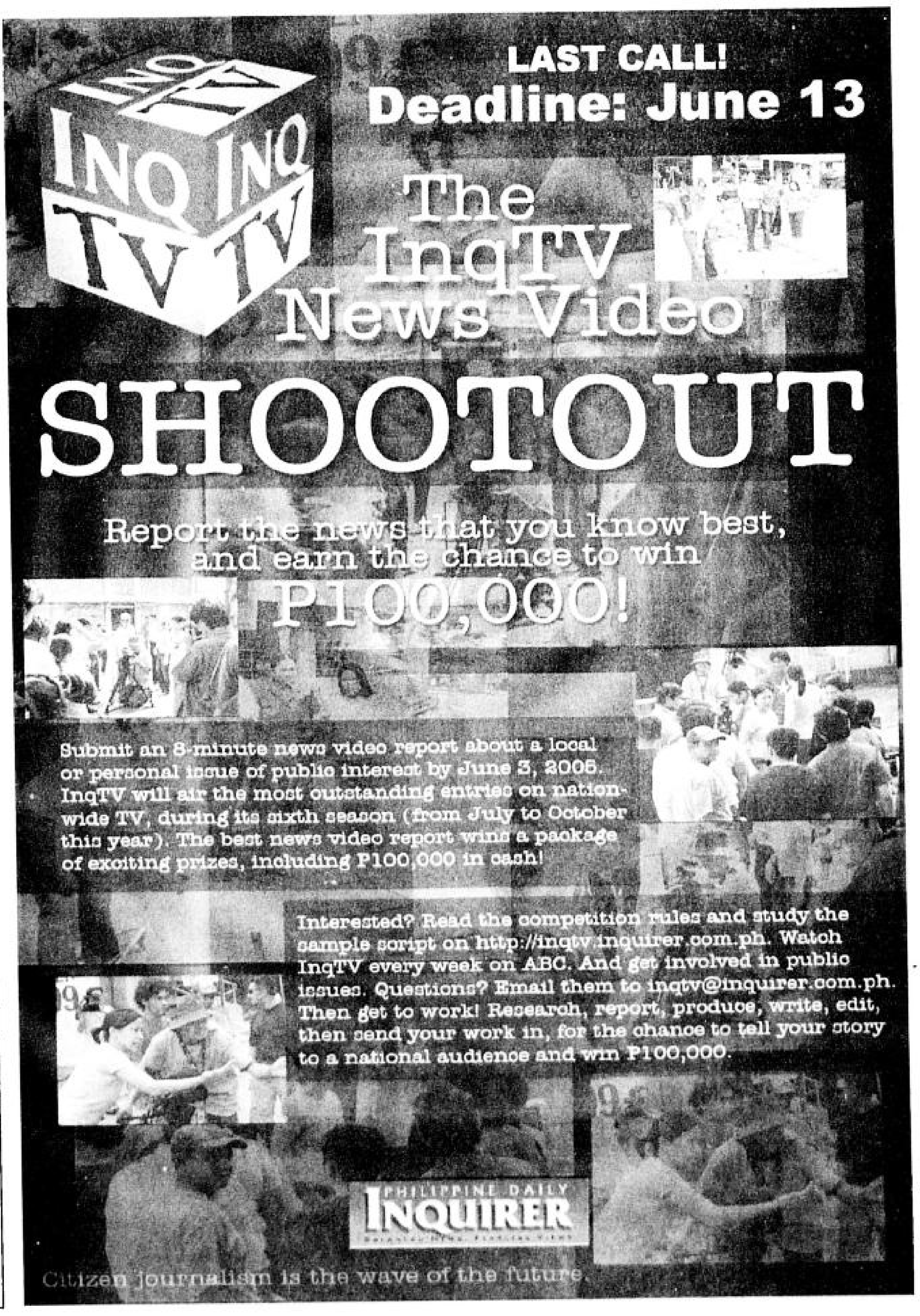

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Federer gains semis

HALLE, Germany—Switzerland's world No. 1 and title-holder Roger Federer swept past Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber, 6-3, 6-4, to book his place in the semifinals of the 680-250-euro grasscourt event here on Friday. Federer, who has won the two previous editions of this event, meets Germany's Tommy Haas, a 6-2, 7-5 winner over former French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain, in Saturday's last four clash. Australian Open champion Marat Safin of Russia and Argentina's Guillermo Canas will also be competing for a place in Sunday's final. Safin beat Belgium's Olivier Rochus. *AFP*

Sharapova advances

BIRMINGHAM, England—Top-seeded Maria Sharapova struggled with a cold and a thigh strain but still advanced to the final of DFS Classic on Friday after beating Eleni Daniilidou of Greece, 7-5, 2-6, 6-1. The Russian, who won the Wimbledon warm-up last year, needed an injury timeout in the second set to treat her right thigh. Fifth-seeded Tatiana Golovin of France downed Anna Chakvetadze of Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (3), and No. 3 Jelena Jankovic of Serbia-Montenegro topped Mashona Washington of the US, 6-2, 6-4. In the other quarterfinal, American Laura Granville beat Thai Tamarine Tanasugarn, 6-4, 6-3. *AP*

Tough Belmont security

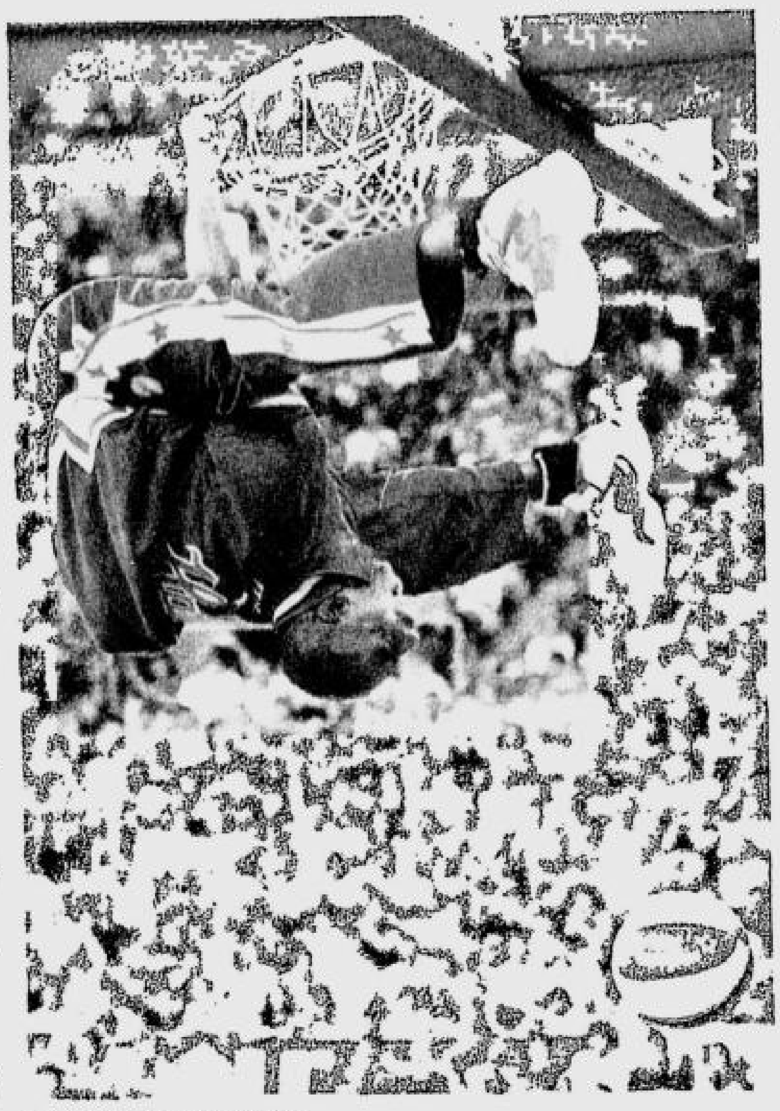
NEW YORK—Afleet Alex trainer Tim Ritchey supports the tighter security measures for horses running in the Belmont Stakes on Saturday. "I think anytime they can increase the integrity of racing in the public's eye, I think it's a good thing," said Ritchey, trainer of the 6-5 favorite. All horses will face increased scrutiny in the hours before the race to prevent tampering. The 11 horses will be subject to the same procedures now in place for all horses competing at New York Racing Association tracks since May. *AP*

Ruiz trounces Garcia

LAS VEGAS—Heriberto Ruiz of Mexico took an unanimous 10-round decision over countryman Eduardo Garcia in their super bantamweight fight Friday night at the Gold Coast Tours Hotel & Casino. Ruiz, ranked No. 5 by the International Boxing Federation, won 98-92 on one judge's card and 96-94 on the other two. The vocal fans, whose boos and jeers drowned out the televised post-fight interview in the ring, thought otherwise. The 27-year-old Ruiz, who lost to Rafael Marquez for the IBF bantamweight championship last July, was busy throughout the bout but never hurt Garcia. Ruiz improved to 33-3-2. The 25-year-old Garcia dropped to 15-4. *AP*

Briggs stops Okine

VERONA, New York—Shannon Briggs floored Abraham Okine three times before Okine's cornermen stopped the scheduled 10-round heavyweight fight 54 seconds into the third round Friday at Turning Stone Resort and Casino. Briggs (42-4-1) knocked down Okine (14-1) twice in the first round and again in the third in the bout that helped open the Boxing Hall of Fame's induction weekend. *AP*



CAGE ACROBATICS
Stunts like this identify the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team during a performance in Vistalegre Palace in Madrid. AFP

Power outage Pistons' bane

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—The defending champion Detroit Pistons can't afford another power outage against the San Antonio Spurs.

Detroit needs to find that team chemistry in Sunday's game two of the National Basketball Association finals that helped propel them past the heavily favored Los Angeles Lakers in last year's title series.

"We killed ourselves," said Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace, who had an off night in Thursday's opening game, with just six points and eight rebounds in an 84-69 loss.

Wallace is hoping his teammates are capable of getting him the ball more inside. But he bristled at the suggestion that Thursday's loss had anything to do with his lack of scoring.

"There are times when I scored only two points or no points and we still won," Wallace said.

Detroit won the 2004 league title by dismantling the league's marquee team and the heavily favored Los Angeles Lakers.

Coach Phil Jackson departed and giant center Shaquille O'Neal was traded to Miami in the aftermath of the loss to the Pistons.

Embattled star Kobe Bryant guided a shell of the former glory team through a woeful season in which they failed to reach the playoffs for the first time in 11 years.

The Pistons don't want to suffer the same fate.

"I don't think you can win without great character guys and pretty talented people," said Detroit coach Larry Brown. "The teams that have been able to do that have consistently figured that out."

The Spurs and Pistons have the two best defenses in the league and sure enough this was one of the lowest scoring games in NBA finals history.

The clubs combined for just 153 points as only three games have had less total points. In the 1955 NBA finals, Fort Wayne beat Syracuse, 74-71, for the lowest cumulative score.

Ben Wallace finished with just five points and seven rebounds and had a fourth-quarter technical foul that seemed to energize the Spurs, sending them on a game-breaking 19-4 run.

Rick Hamilton shot a disappointing seven-of-21 and finished with 14 points.

Brown signaled Rasheed Wallace out for a lack of forcefulness immediately after Thursday's game. But Brown's tone was more amiable after Friday's practice at the SBC Center arena. *AFP*

Sorenstam leads; Rosales survives

HAVRE DE GRACE, Maryland—Annika Sorenstam was in familiar territory Friday at the US LPGA Championship as the two-time defending champion surged into the second-round lead.

After an opening 68, Sorenstam fired a five-under par 67 for 135 and a two-shot lead over English veteran Laura Davies at the second women's major championship of the season.

Filipino Jennifer Rosales shot a 73 and made the cut at 144. Fil-Am Dorothy Delasin, however, failed to advance following a 72 and a 150 total.

Sorenstam had entered the second round trailing a trio sharing the lead, which included Davies, Natalie Gulbis and Laura Diaz.

The Swedish star birdied five, seven and nine before dropping her first shot of the tournament at the par-five 11th, then rebounded with three birdies in four holes from the 14th.

Sorenstam captured the Kraft Nabisco Championship in March—her first step en route to completing her dream of a calendar Grand Slam.

She closed with a flourish, carding birdies at 14, 16 and 17 to add to her LPGA-record of consecutive round in the 60s. She now has 13 straight sub-70 rounds.

With Davies in the clubhouse at seven-under, Sorenstam took the lead at 16, getting to eight-under after sticking a wedge form 86 yards within three feet.

Sorenstam has won each of the last 14 tournaments where she had the 36-hole lead.

Davies followed her opening 67 with a two-under 70 and is alone in second on 137. Gulbis shot a 71 for third on six-under 138. *AFP*

Allenby up by 2 shots

TORONTO—Robert Allenby led an Australian assault on the leaderboard at the Booz Allen Classic on Friday, carding a six-under 65 to go two shots clear after the second round in Potomac, Maryland.

Allenby, who has missed the cut in four of his last eight events, struck a rich vein of form at the historic Congressional Golf Club, mixing a single bogey with seven birdies to finish on nine-under 133.

Two shots back on 135 were champion Adam Scott and his fellow Australian Steve Elkington, Britain's Lee Westwood and overnight leader Matt Gogel of the US.

Scott and Elkington, winner of the 1995 US PGA Championship, returned 67s. Gogel shot a 72 but remained in contention on the strength of his course record 63 on Thursday. Ernie Els hit a 67 to join four others on 136. *Reuters*

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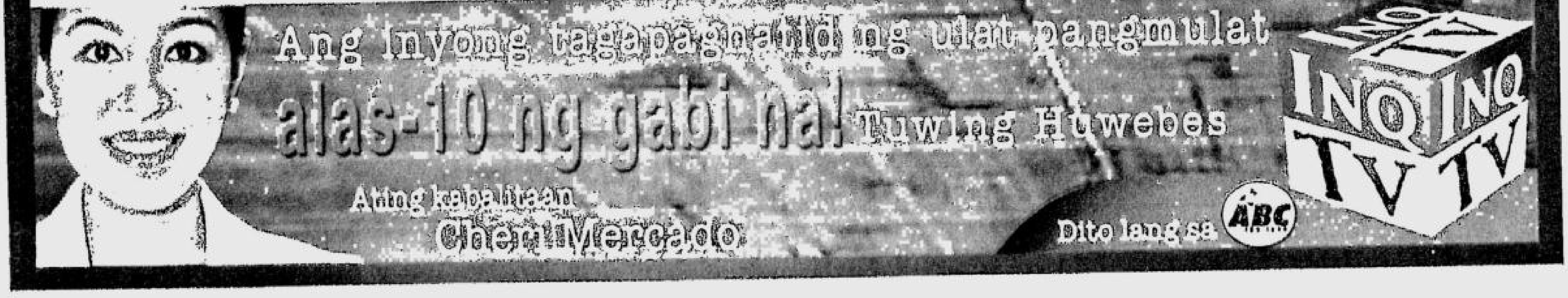
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A brief opening rites will usher in the six-day tournament with Negros Oriental Gov. George Arnaiz as guest of honor along with new Basketball Association of the Philippines chair Quintiliano Literal set at 1 p.m.

Salazar Institute of Technology also of Cebu battles West Negros College in the first match at 2 p.m.

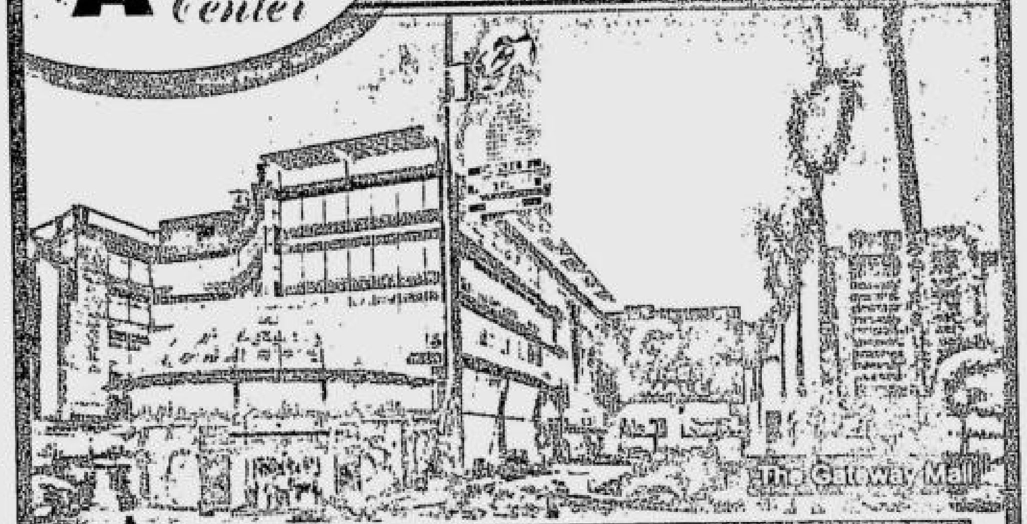
The USC Warriors, the first National Inter-Collegiate champion in 1946, and the vaunted Xiamen dribblers collide at 4 p.m.

The host Silliman Stallions take the floor in the main game at 6 against the speedy and sharp-shooting Koreans from Myong Ji University.

Governor Arnaiz expressed elation over the participation of the Chinese and Koreans in the annual event being hosted by the country for the fourth time.

"I welcome our visitors in this tourism province of Negros Oriental. It is our pleasure to play host to our Asian neighbors," said Arnaiz, who also successfully hosted the 2005 National Students Championships in February.

University of Manila won the inaugural staging of the tournament in 1998 with St. Francis of Assisi College pulling off back-to-back championships in 2000 and 2001.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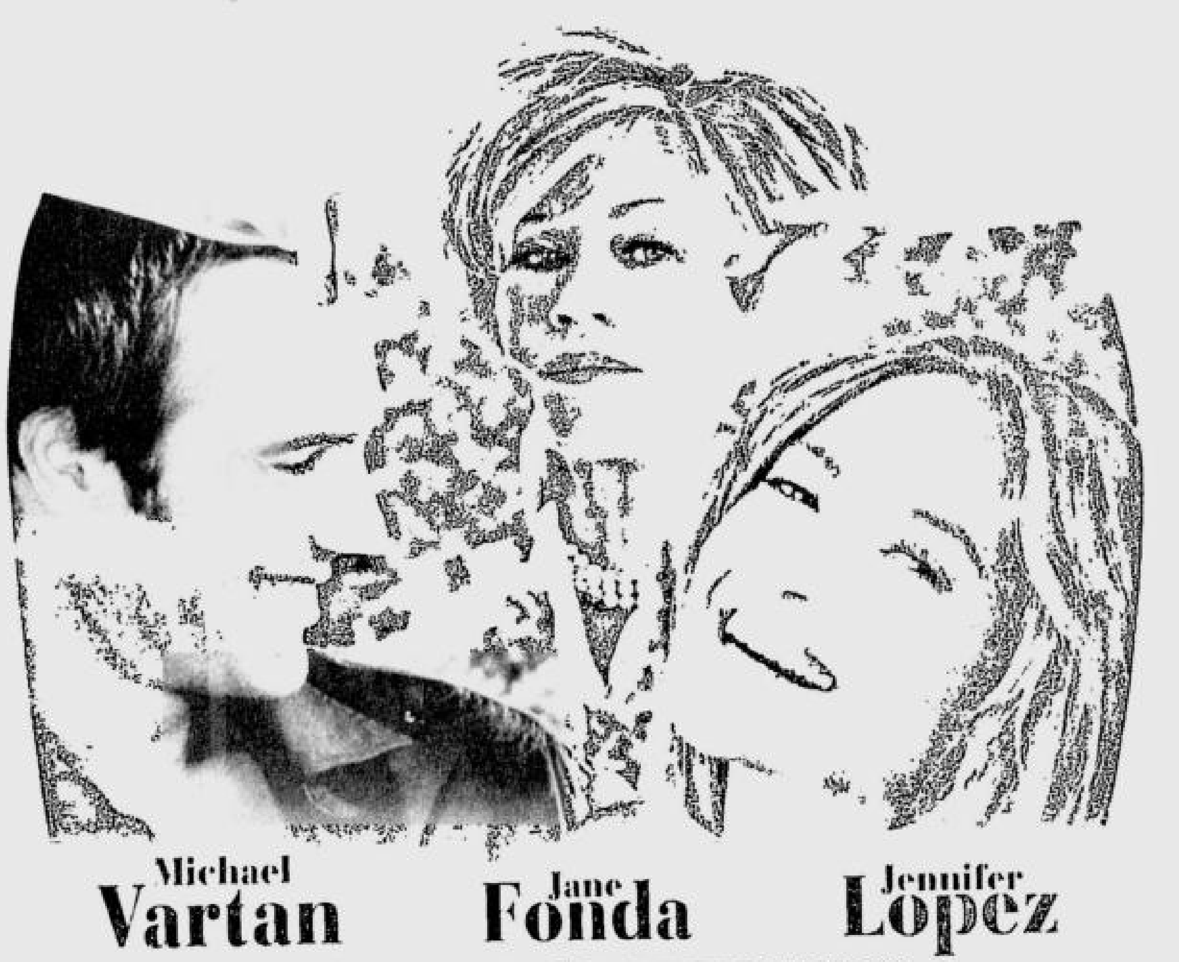
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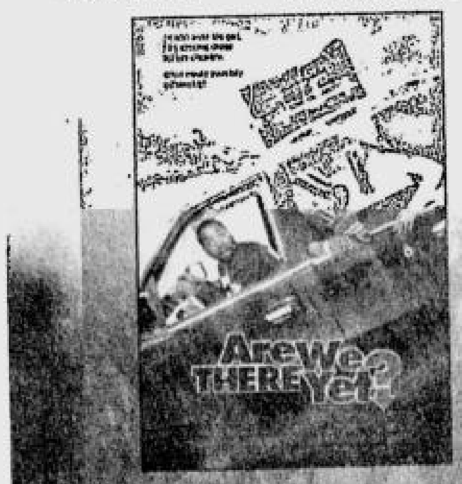

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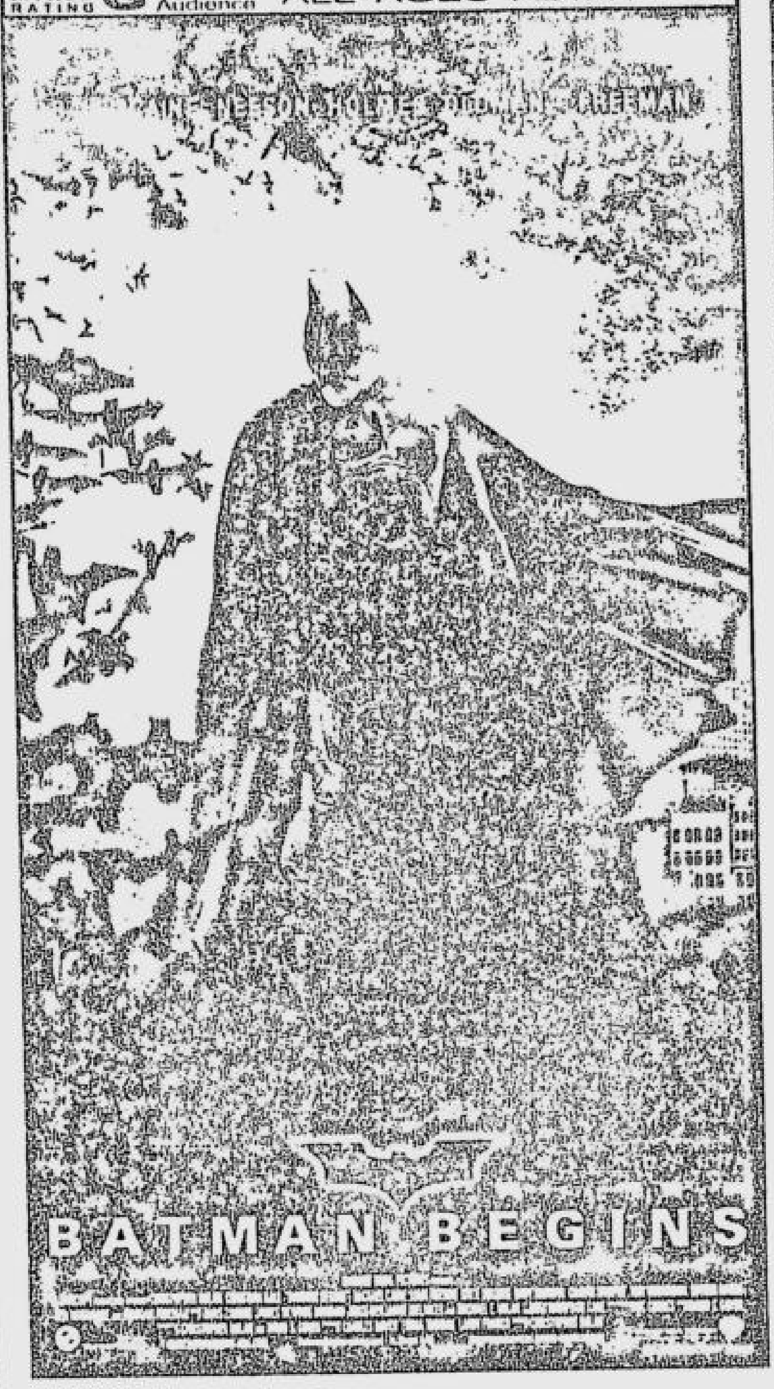

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Jennifer Lopez in "Monster-in-Law"

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Unlucky in love, beautiful Charlotte 'Charlie' Cantilini (***Jennifer Lopez***) has finally met the man of her dreams, Dr. Kevin Fields (***Michael Vartan*** *-"Alias" and "Never Been Kissed"*). There's just one problem - his mother! Overbearing and controlling, not to mention volatile, Viola Fields (***Jane Fonda***) has recently been canned from her job as a star news anchor. Fearing she will lose her son's affections as she has her career, Viola decides to break up the happy couple by becoming the world's worst mother-in-law. Helping her with her crazy schemes is Viola's long-time assistant, Ruby (***Wanda Sykes*** – *"Nutty Professor II: The Klumps"*). The gloves come off when Charlie finally decides to fight back and it looks like Viola has finally met her match.

Opened #1 at the U.S. Box Offices and soaring to $100M **"Monster-in-Law"** is one of the best well-written romantic-comedies that simply have so much going in it. A great concept, a solid director, a proven cast and two leads - one a young but talented beauty and the other Hollywood royalty of a caliber that's almost never seen these days. What more could anyone ask for?

Hunky Aussie Director Robert Luketic has shown a strong talent in recent years with the refreshingly funny *"Legally Blonde"* and the decently enjoyable *"Win a Date with Tad Hamilton"*. "Monster-in-Law" is his best film to date –and the pace never seem to drop off, the editing is well done without distraction, and the production values are all studio comedy perfect. The makers get the look of the film right but the feel is just tremendous - as a result the onscreen action simply feels so bright and enthusiastic. The assorted gags on display are almost overwhelmingly hilarious in their setup.

Maybe it's the wacky jokes of Anya Kochoff's screenplay which goes for all the obvious light-hearted gaffs with the odd moment of darkness. One could say it's all the clichéd characters from the sassy black servant to the gay best friend, even if both Wanda Sykes and **Adam Scott** (*"The Aviator" and "Torque"*) in those respective parts easily outshine any of the leads. Sykes in particular manages to both adhere to the stereotype whilst subtlety poking fun at it at the same time.

The fights between the Fonda and Lopez are undermined time and time again as the comedy goes for the biggest laughs possible. Even the harshest, an attempt to essentially poison Lopez's nut-allergic character, really does the works. It's a good looking comedy no question, and considering the talent involved it's an astonishing triumph.

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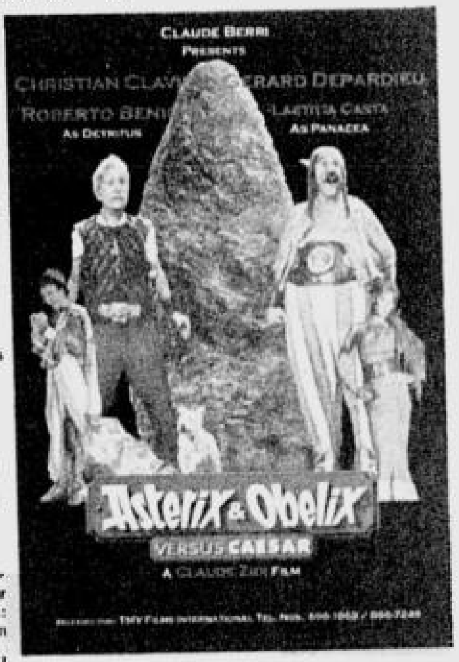

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My dad, my fan

Sheryl Cruz talks about her late father, actor Ricky Belmonte, for the first time

SHERYL Cruz

By Marinel R. Cruz

MY FATHER did not have a lot of money, but he had a lot of friends. Valuing friendship more than wealth was the greatest lesson he taught me," said actress Sheryl Cruz, speaking publicly for the first time about her late father, actor Ricky Belmonte.

Belmonte died in October 2001 after a massive stroke. Sheryl, who was in the United States at that time, said she could not come home for the burial because she had just delivered her daughter, Ashley. Her brother, Renzo, was in Manila. Their parents had long been divorced.

Sheryl's absence drew negative reactions from her cousins, Sunshine, Geneva and Donna Cruz. They have not discussed the rift to this day.

Of Belmonte, Sheryl said: "*Magaling siyang makisama*. To him, professionalism counted a lot. He said, if you're needed somewhere at a certain time, you should be there on the dot [because] people are waiting for you and you have to come prepared."

Since she came back to the Philippines last year, she said, she had been visiting her father's tomb every chance she got. "When my husband was here, I went with him and our daughter; sometimes, I go with my brother and his family."

On June 19, Father's Day, Sheryl said she would go again. "We plan to celebrate Mass for him," she told a group of entertainment writers over lunch last week.

Sheryl met her husband, Norman Bustos, eight years ago in a show for Filipinos in the US. She was one of the performers and Norman was one of the security personnel hired for her. Ashley is their first child.

"I tried to settle down as a wife and mother. I did everything I could to keep myself busy, and turned down a lot of offers to act again,"

MY DAD/ A2-7

'Kuwentong Disyerto'

STARTING this month, Filipinos based in the Middle East have fewer reasons to miss home as ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel (TFC) launches "Kuwentong Disyerto," a show that delivers a weekly dose of information that matters most to them.

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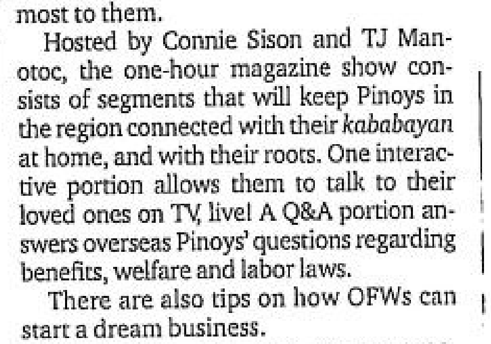
"Kuwentong Disyerto" airs on TFC-Middle East, with a live telecast at 9 a.m. in Saudi and 10 a.m. in the Gulf States. Prime time telecast is at 9:45 p.m. (Saudi time) and 10:45 p.m. (Gulf time) every Friday. Local airing on ANC starts in the next few weeks.



VILMA Santos

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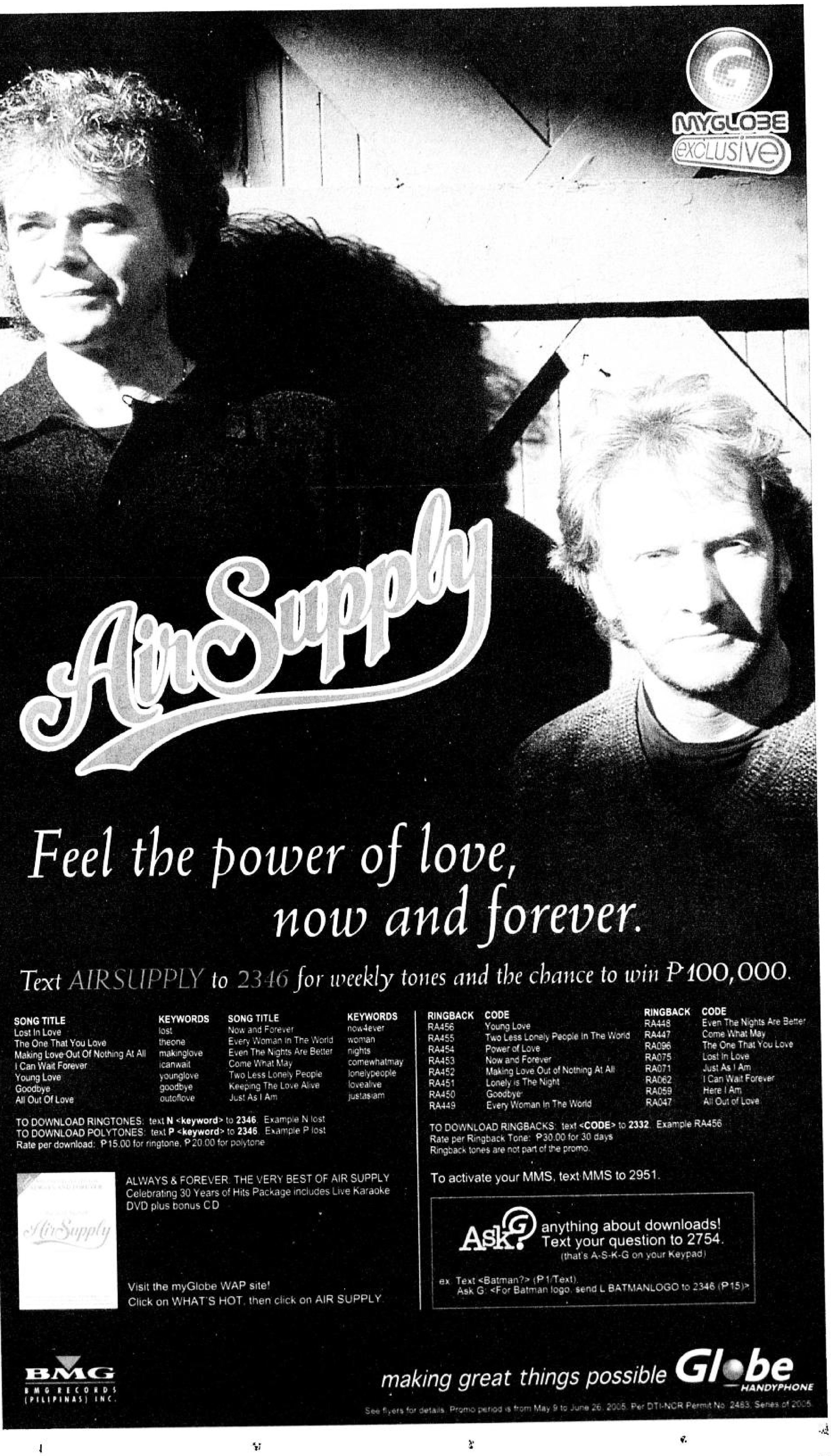
The award, named after propagandist Marcelo H. del Pilar, comes with a cash prize of P100,000 and a trophy by National Artist Napoleon Abueva, both of which will be handed to Santos by UP officials on July 4 at the university's Cine Adarna.



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Tom Cruise's and Batman's new gal

If being in love fuels this much candor, we hope more actresses fall in such a grand way

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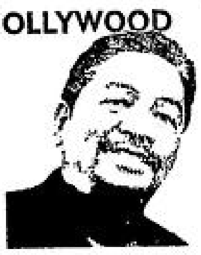

Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—First of all, lest we forget the important news: "Batman Begins" is gaining consensus as being the best Batman film ever made.

Credit goes to the brave Warner Bros. executive who had the guts to hand over an important franchise to a director with only two significant films to his credit, the independent film "Memento" and the **Robin Williams-Al Pacino** thriller "Insomnia." The excellent "Memento," which tells a story backwards, is, of course, enough calling card.

Chris, in telling the story of the origins of Batman in a dark but entertaining, gripping manner, chose his team well: **David Goyer**, who co-wrote the script with him, a prodigious production team and a veritable who's who of actors to surround the new Batman (**Christian Bale**, who is not a shoddy thespian himself): **Liam Neeson, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman** (this guy knows how to party—"I saw him boogieing on the dance floor at the—"Batman Begins" premiere bash, just like he did at the Golden Globe after party), **Ken Watanabe, Rutger Hauer, Gary Oldman** and **Tom Wilkinson.**

Oh, and a certain actress named **Katie Holmes**, to play Batman's love interest. Katie is the lovely starlet who makes Tom Cruise bounce from Oprah Winfrey's couch and do other yes-I-am-in-love! antics these days.

No Brangelina

Tom and Katie are quite a contrast from Brangelina, the newly-minted term for that other Hollywood hot couple, **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie**, who have been busy asking journalists to sign a contract not to ask personal questions (or else!), resulting in a recent press con which many writers have decried as—"useless."

Tom and Katie, on the other hand, are busy telling whoever would care to listen that they are in love, yes, and very much so! A day before our interview with Katie, Tom reportedly showed up at the same hotel (Regent Beverly Wilshire).

CHRISTIAN Bale as Batman

He likes 'em tall

Cynics consider the May-December (he's 42; she's 26) surprise romance as a mutually beneficial ploy to serve their respective box-office interests—he, to attract the younger crowd, just in time for his Steven Spielberg-directed "War of the Worlds"; and she, having "Batman" to promote and reams of publicity to gain from being a superstar's girlfriend.

Before "Batman," the long and curly-haired beauty's credits included the TV teen drama "Dawson's Creek" and the movies "First Daughter" and "Pieces of April." As a little girl, Katie dreamt of marrying Tom. The actor reportedly learned about Katie's dream and said, "I don't want to disappoint her."

Tom seems to like his women tall. Katie told me while we were posing for pictures that she is 5 feet 9 inches tall. And she was wearing high-heeled shoes so I literally looked up to her like I was gazing at Makati's skyscrapers. Her best assets are her large and beautiful brown eyes.

Skeptics are on overdrive painting Katie, an Ohio native, as naïve. Or that she is simply willing to go along with the Tom Cruise publicity machinery in return for an elevation in career status. A recent story by the New York Post's **Paula Froelich** announced that Katie is now ensconced in Tom's Beverly Hills manse. That report also alleged that Katie, who was raised a Catholic, is distancing herself from friends who are not into Tom's religion, Scientology. Tom has been more vocal in advocating Scientology lately.

The same story said there are reports claiming that Tom has persuaded Katie not to do the movie "Factory Girl." And that due to the media glare on Katie's relationship with Tom, she lost a role in "A Prairie Home Companion" to **Lindsay Lohan**. Pundits like to point out that when **Nicole Kidman** and **Penelope Cruz** were involved with Tom, their careers took a back seat to the actor's.

During our interview, Katie was giddy, fun, prone to smiling and laughing. When the name "Tom Cruise" came out of her lips for the first time in the press con, it sounded like an exclamation point. Her eyes went wide as if to say, "Tom Cruise, man, we're talking about Tom Cruise!" While answering questions, she tended to grin and look down, shaking her head gently, as if in awe. She was like a little girl in a candy store, who couldn't believe her luck. Indeed, she exclaimed during our interview, "I'm the luckiest woman in the world!"

For how long?

She was that candid. It would be interesting, though, to see if she would still be this open three or five years from now, when she's tasted more success. Or whether she would repeat what she said of the paparazzi during our talk: "It's nice to have people take your picture." It's a statement that would make Brad, who is so fed up already with these photographers, go ballistic.

KATIE Holmes

ARMANDO GALLO

TOM Cruise

Good time for all

But we'll take a refreshingly candid interview subject like Katie anytime, versus a star who has developed so many emotional hang-ups and baggage, that pleading "No comment" is the only way out every time.

In short, a good time was had by all, especially when a reporter prefaced her question to Katie with, "Now that you have Tom Cruise and Batman under your belt," and quickly realized the hilarious but unintended double entendre. Katie was the first to laugh.

If being in love encourages this much candor, so be it. We hope more actresses fall in love in this grand manner.

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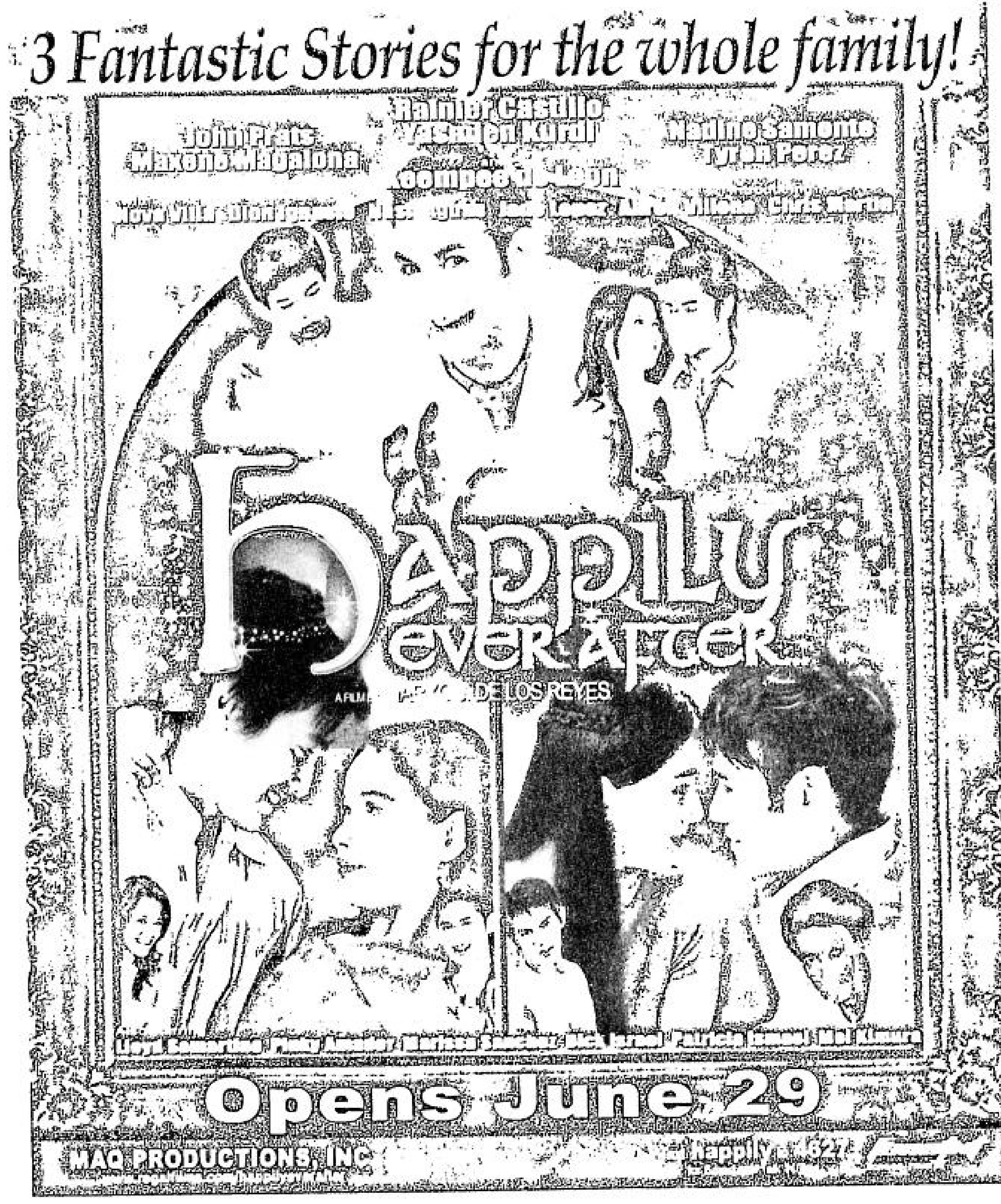
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UNLIKE most male celebrities of his generation, Andrew James Arellano, a.k.a. Drew Arellano, handsome host of Channel 23's "Wazzup, Wazzup," IBC 13's "Retro TV" and GMA 7's "Unang Hirit" doesn't want to be a movie star or a singer.

"I know my limitations and strengths. I want to eventually host my own late night talk *a la* Conan O'Brian. I have great listening skills and people say I have the gift of gab," Drew told INQUIRER Entertainment.

"I was a nerd with weight problems as a student in La Salle. I wasn't a great public speaker, but I always spoke my mind. My Dad had a radio program called 'Ito ang Batas' when I was 8. He made it a point to bring me along. I started to imitate his public speaking style," recalled Drew.

After getting his degree in Advertising, Drew worked in the United States for six months then returned to Manila to work for J. Walter Thompson. Drew's big break was landing the male lead role in a shampoo commercial where he called his leading lady as "Pare ko."

Talent manager Boy Abunda noticed Drew's bouncy personality and concluded that he was perfect for television hosting.

Drew's girlfriend Iya Villaniam, who was raised in Australia, is also a TV host and veejay for Myx, Music Channel.

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Elements of dubious worth distract from valid thematic point of 'Kuba'

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THE BIG deal on TV this past week was the launch of Channel 2's "Kampanerang Kuba" *teleserye*, with **Anne Curtis** playing the title role. We caught the show's first telecast, and came up with these initial reactions:

The series' strength appears to be its thematic exploration of the true essence of beauty. Its title character is physically deformed, but is basically a good and loving soul. Contrastingly, other characters are played by good-looking actors, but they turn out to be even uglier (inside) than the series' resident hunchback.

Also interesting is the show's emphasis on production values, visual appeal and variety in terms of stylistic elements. Unfortunately, the series tends to go overboard in this regard, and the result is sometimes muddled and gauche.

Yes, local viewers dote on *halu-halo* variety, but the mix of elements should ultimately blend together, so the production can speak with its own, singular voice.

Elements of dubious worth in this instance are the production's animated gargoyle or animal characters, and its musical numbers. As innovations, these novel touches don't really come off all that well, and could even distract from the series' main storytelling intent.

A negative consequence of this would be reduced believability and empathy for the show's plot and character development.

We also got distracted by the maturity of some of the actors who played "parent" characters in the story in their youthful years. And the villains were too evil for words.

We trust that the series will be able to iron out these and other wrinkles in succeeding telecasts, because the production's thematic point about inner beauty deserves to be articulated and dramatized on television.

In general, the production could perhaps think of simplifying its elements, so that clearer focus can be achieved, and the series can be truer to the intent of the original **Vilma Santos** starrer from which it's been derived.

Pharaoh's Week

AT 8 p.m. today on National Geographic Channel Asia, "Pharaoh's Week" launches its series of exciting stories about ancient Egypt, the results of cutting-edge scientific analysis and detective work.

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'Star Wars Creatures'

THE PREMIERE of Animal Planet's "Animal Icons: Star Wars Creatures" at 10 p.m. on Monday, June 13, gives viewers a glimpse into stories behind the unique and quirky creatures in the "Star Wars" movies.

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Introducing Anita Linda

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After over six decades in the world of show, the seasoned actress is still something of a mystery

ANITA Linda at home today. The portrait is by Amorsolo.

A FRIENDLY face on both the big and small screens, Anita Linda maintains a certain unknowableness—a mix of enigma and familiarity.

A neighbor in the posh subdivision where she lives often spots the iconic actress sweeping fallen mango leaves in the frontyard.

"I've always loved gardening," she says.

In one corner of her bedroom stands a Singer sewing machine. "My granddaughter just asked me to please shorten her nightgown."

YESTERDAY

Her twilight years are spent in relative tranquility.

"I adopt stray cats," she confesses. She also took in the toy poodle Bugsy, originally a gift for a grandson.

This the private Anita Linda.

The public Anita Linda is just as beguiling.

For four years in the late '70s, she played *Lola* Munda to "Anna Liza," acting as surrogate grandmom not only to the late Julie Vega, but to an entire generation of martial-law babies.

Madwoman as metaphor

Earlier in the same turbulent decade, she played mother to Nora Aunor, Vilma Santos, and Hilda Koronel onscreen. With Hilda, she starred in the "Hello, Soldier" episode of the Lino Brocka trilogy "Tatlo, Dalawa, Isa" (1974).

Much earlier, in 1951, she was the quintessential "Sisa"—madwoman and metaphor for war-ravaged Philippines.

For her work in the Gerardo de Leon classic, she bagged the Maria Clara award for Best Actress. Maria Clara is the precursor of today's Famas.

"But I wasn't the first Maria Clara Best Actress," she corrects the common misperception. "It's not fair. Credit should go to Nena Cardenas, who won for '48 Oras' the year before."

The time she was nominated, she had no plans of attending the ceremony.

"It was held at the Riviera, a club along Dewey Boulevard," she recalls.

But, her bosses, the Santiagos of Premiere Productions, prevailed upon her to turn up.

"I didn't prepare," she recounts. "I pulled out the first white *vestida* in my closet. I edged out Leila Morena, who played Gabriela in 'Diego Silang.' The Best Actor trophy went to Jose Padilla for 'Diego Silang.'"

Reluctant actress

She calls herself a reluctant actress. Still, she admits that she has grown to love acting, and the movies that she's made. "My favorites are 'Ambrosia,' where I was the anti-heroine, and 'Nag-Uumpugang Bato' where I played a 'Mother India'-type. I also loved 'Sawa sa Lumang Simboryo,' which was shot in an old church in Ilocos."

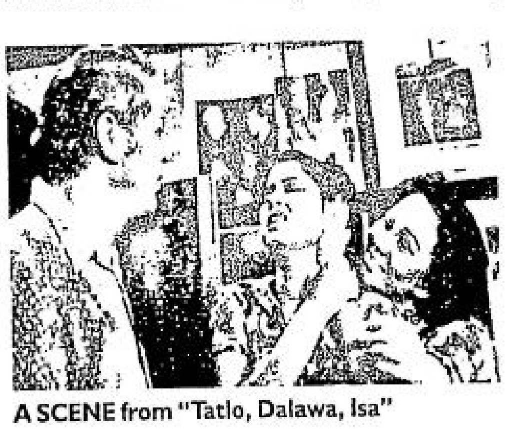
She explains that she became an actress "out of necessity."

It was World War II and her family had lost all their property, confiscated by the Japanese because her father was American. "My dad was imprisoned at Hospicio de San Jose, but was later released because he was already in his 60s," she says.

In the middle of the Japanese Occupation, Anita Linda—Alice Lake in real life—was dragged to a stage show in Avenue Theater by a friend. Seated in the front row, the stunning *mestiza* caught the eye of comedian Lopito and actor Leopoldo Salcedo.

Before she knew it, she was in a meeting with director Lamberto Avellana and assistant Fred Daluz.

She hemmed and hawed, but they persisted. Finally, she relented. "My father told me to accept the offer because we needed the money."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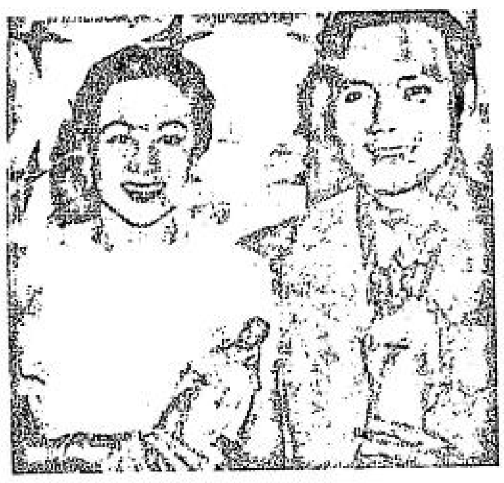
WITH Jose Padilla Jr

For her stage debut, "Bert gave me three lines in 'Eskuwelahang Munti,'" she says. "In the theater lobby, I saw my picture and it said: Introducing Anita Linda!"

She was far from pleased. "I hated it," she chortles. "It sounded like a brand of pomade, Cinco Flores! They're just two first names put together!"

Avellana explained that he chose the stage name with her real initials AL in mind. "Back then I had the AL monogram on all my clothes. Bert claimed it was his wife Daisy who picked the name."

She says she has gotten used to it. "In fact, I'm grateful for the name." She is just as thankful to Avellana. "He taught me a lot of things. Like how to 'throw' my voice. With him, I never felt pressured."

Avellana later hired Anita in her debut film "Tia Juana," as a last-minute replacement for Mila del Sol, who had gotten married. "Tia Juana" also topbilled Fred Cortes, who later became Anita's husband. "Such a beautiful man," she coos.

Another great mentor

Maestro Gerry de Leon was another mentor.

"As a director, Gerry knew everything." He had mastered all the elements, she says, "The camera, the lights, acting. He was very meticulous. Before the shoot, he told me that Sisa was crazy, but she shouldn't make people laugh. Instead they should feel pity and cry for her."

She confesses that while shooting "Sisa" in 1951, she wasn't aware that they were making cinema history.

"I was just waiting for five o'clock every day," hollers Anita, who was a merry divorcée at the time. "It's because after work, I was going out on a date!"

Or downing beer with bosom buddy Patria Plata, then "Lo' Waist Gang" newcomer Fernando Poe Jr.

It wasn't all fun, glamour, and red-carpet events, though.

True to her calling as a tragedienne, her life was marked by drama.

One was a scene that could rival any in the masterpieces of both Avellana and De Leon.

The war was about to end when Anita's 11-month-old firstborn Anthony James died in San Lazaro Hospital. "My husband Fred had no idea," she says. "He was a guerrilla and I was all alone. It hurt so much because my baby died of malnutrition."

BROCKA'S women, clockwise from left: Perla Bautista, Lolita Rodriguez, Mary Walter, Anita Linda, Hilda Koronel

Assisted by her mother-in-law and a gravedigger, she carried the little coffin in her arms all the way to La Loma.

"We didn't know that the Japanese had buried drums of gasoline in the cemetery," she relates. "Then the Americans bombed the place." Chaos ensued. "It was almost curfew. We had to leave my son in a temple and return the following day to bury him."

AS SISA

Unending drama

After McArthur's Lingayen landing, Fred took her to America.

"When the Americans dropped the atom bomb on Hiroshima in 1945, we were in a ship in the middle of the Pacific Ocean on our way to San Francisco."

But life was tough for the migrants and the marriage soon hit the skids. "He signed up with the US Army and was based in Japan. I was left to fend for myself and our second son, Fred Jr., in Los Angeles."

Those were terrible times, she sighs. "I was often on my knees praying."

Two years after the war, her prayers were answered, in the form of a telegram from Premiere Productions, offering a two-picture deal.

ALICE Lake

With dispatch, Anita also sent a telegram, this one addressed to her absentee husband.

She told him, in no uncertain terms, that she was going home to Manila—to help her widowed mother and nine siblings and raise her child on her own.

Back in LA, Cortes divorced her, remarried, and stayed in the US, where he died years later.

Alice Lake went on to fulfill her destiny as Anita Linda, who would become an award-winning and much beloved actress. Today she has 12 trophies, including the coveted Gawad CCP, which she won in 1994.

WITH her trophies: Maria Clara, Star, Famas, Urian

Albert Martinez, one cool daddy

DOLLY WOOD
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I HAVE known Albert Martinez since we were teenagers.

Now, every time we get to talk about our kids he would say, "We're getting old!"

But he doesn't look like a father at all. Beyond the physical aspect, maybe it's because Albert has never been too much of a father to be a friend to his three kids—Alyanna 19; Alfonso, 18; and Alyssa, 13. Liezl and Albert have chosen names all beginning with the "A" for their kids to match their own (Liezl is Anna Liza).

Once upon a time, Albert's pet name for Liezl was "Apple." That also translates to an "A rating" for both of them as parents. Alyanna, Alfonso and Alyssa are living proof that their initial struggles as a young couple in the United States were not in vain. Fatherhood. Albert wears it well, even when it wears him out sometimes. It's easy to sire a child, as we all know, but it's hard to be a father. As Father's Day beckons, Albert Martinez shares with us the joys and woes of fatherhood. Call him Best Actor or Sexiest Man in the Land—nothing can beat the joy Albert feels when he's called "Daddy."

What kind of dad are you?

When my kids were younger I was a disciplinarian. Now that they are teenagers, I play it cool. I want them to experience life and I don't want to cramp their style. Liezl is the strict one now. I'm *kunsintidor* but with guidance *pa rin*. I believe that if you gave kids a solid foundation during their formative years, they are pretty set for life; you need not worry too much when they're teens.

Do you play favorites?

Nope. I spend quality time with them separately. With Alyanna, bonding time is diving together. Alfonso and I play golf and restore old cars. Alyssa loves shopping, so I take her to the mall and buy her things she wants. It's important to always have one-on-one moments with each of your kids so they feel equally special. Also, that way, you get to really know them.

Do you see yourself in your kids?

Oh yeah! They each have a little of me in them. Alyanna took after me in being a deep thinker, and sensitive. Alfonso is a good cook. Alyssa got my artistic side.

This early, she is sure she wants to be a fashion designer.

Would you let your kids join show biz?

That's up to them. It's in their blood so maybe they'll want to give it a try. Now they come out in ads, or guest in shows. Their focus is school. Whatever they want to be someday I will support them all the way.

What's the hardest part of fatherhood?

It's a balancing act. I have to know when not to be too strict and when not to be too lax.

What would really break your heart as a dad?

If my kids blame me someday for whatever miseries they have. But I know for sure that I've got good kids and that will never happen. I don't understand how some people think it's their parents who made their lives miserable. Parents can only do so much.

MOM Liezl with Alyanna, Alyssa and Alfonso

"FATHERHOOD is a balancing act."

What if Alyanna comes home one day and says she wants to get married?

Liezl and I married young so I'll probably understand. But I hope Alyanna waits till she's 24 at least. Liezl and I welcome the idea of having grandchildren in the future. In fact we planned to have another kid but then we felt we were too old. The next best thing would be to have our first apo. I get thrilled imagining myself as a "lolo."

Do you talk to Alfonso about the birds and the bees?

If he does not open up I don't pry. I've met his girlfriend and they are happy, so nothing to worry about. When I tease him about sex matters and tell him to be careful not to get anybody pregnant, he snaps back "Oh Dad! Don't talk that way!"

What's the number one lesson you taught your kids?

To respect their elders.

Are you raising your kids the way you were raised?

I should say it's the opposite. I was raised the old school way. I was not allowed to reason out. With my kids, I sit down and really listen. I didn't spank them. If you're too strict your kids will most likely rebel. Just because I'm the dad doesn't mean I know everything.

What's your most unforgettable moment as a father?

When Alfonso was 6 and I was scolding him for being mischievous, he started rambling about our being a family. *Nag*-monologue *siya na sobrang* profound, *parang nasa* stage play. I couldn't help but laugh! I forgot about why I was mad at him in the first place!

Anything you learned from your kids?

Mostly about fashion (laughs).

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SHERYL with brother Renzo and dad Ricky Belmonte in the 1980s

My dad, my fan

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Sheryl said. "But after a while, show biz again became too enticing to resist. It's in my blood, I guess."

She confessed that she and Norman had been arguing lately about having too little time together. Norman went back to the US in December. Last April, Sheryl and Ashley joined him for a vacation. "I stayed there for a month and a half. [GMA 7 SVP for TV Entertainment] Ma'am Wilma (Galvante) was gracious enough to accept me again when I came back."

Sheryl plays the vengeful Samantha in "Ganti," the second season of the drama series "Now and Forever." The pilot episode of "Ganti" was aired June 6.

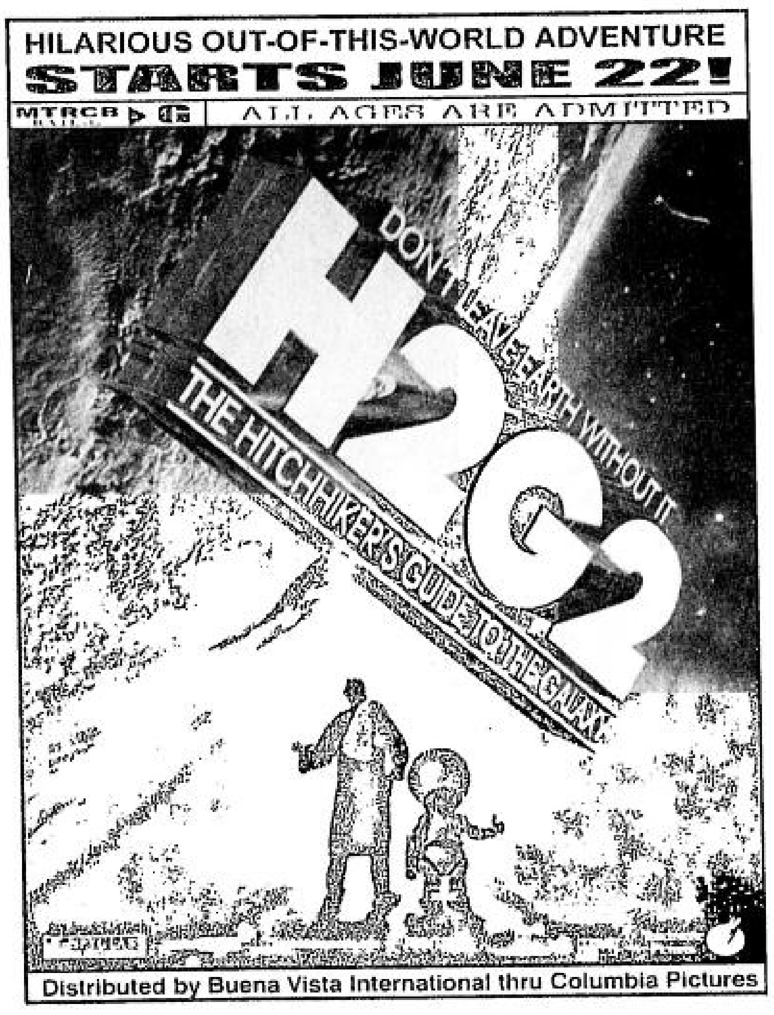
Her dad used to be her No. 1 fan, Sheryl said. He collected the posters of all her movies and framed them, she said.

Looking at the tarpaulins all over the Ilustrado Restaurant in Intramuros, Manila, during the "Ganti" press launch, she said, "If my dad were here to see this, he would be so proud."

Sheryl pointed out that the role of Samantha was physically demanding. "In the beginning, I am beaten up and tortured. I got a lot of cuts and bruises while filming the flashback sequences," Sheryl explained. "In one scene, Beth (Tamayo, her co-star) tripped and scratched herself, but we kept going. When we finished, the entire crew applauded. I'm really proud of this project."

Getting beaten up was necessary, she added. "I have to be convincing. There should be a good reason for Samantha to turn into one vengeful person."

She is like Samantha in a way, Sheryl noted. "I'm a survivor. No matter how many intrigues come my way, I cope."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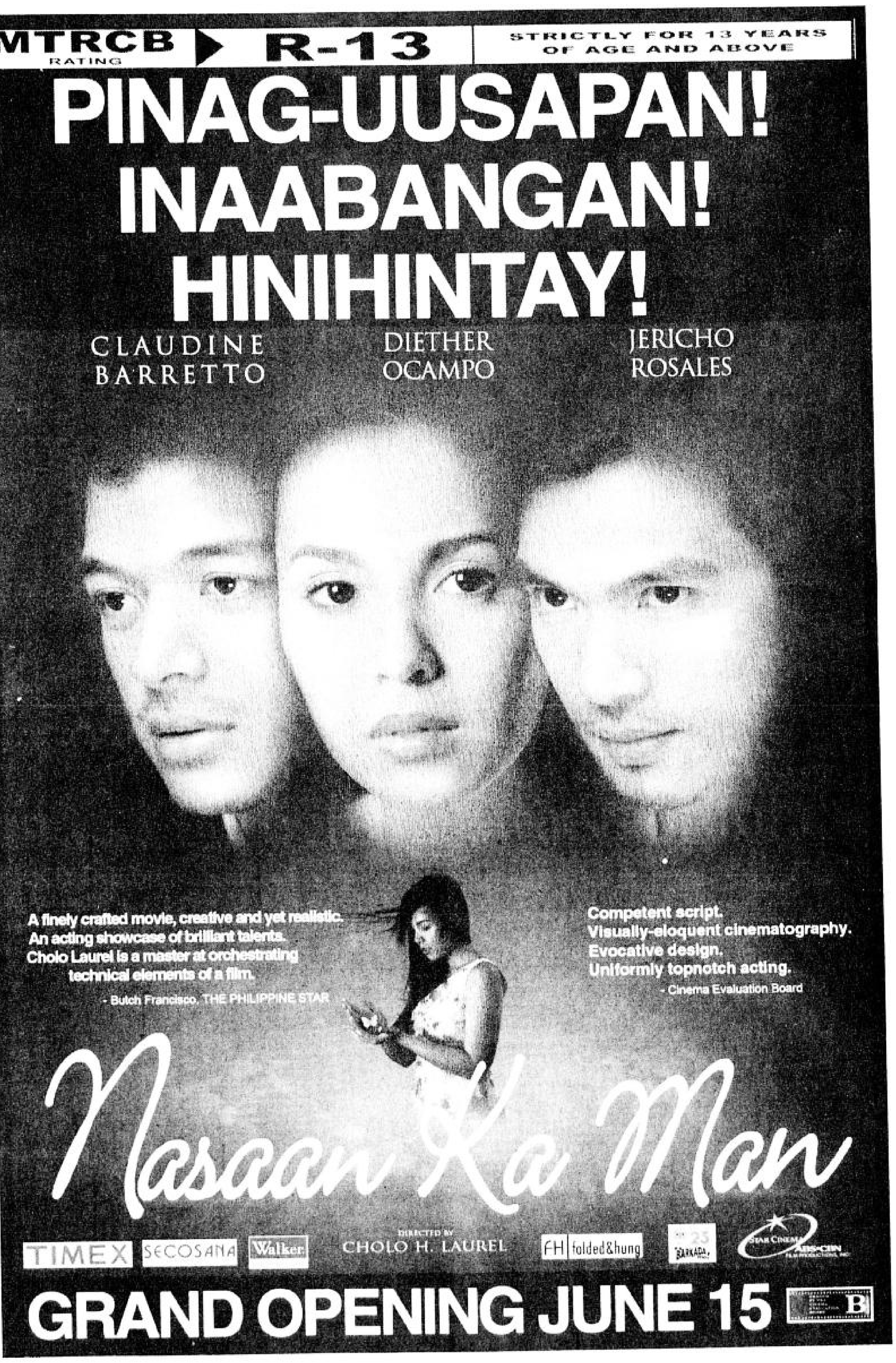
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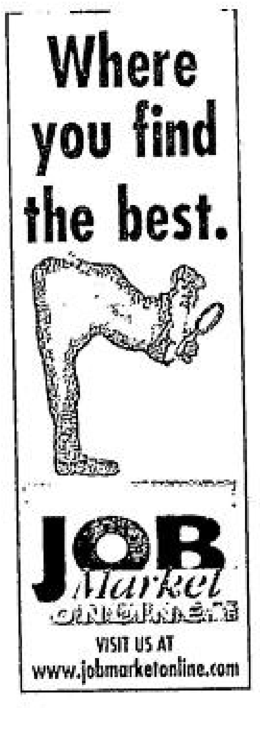
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Amazing war story set in RP

JAMES Franco and Benjamin Bratt, foreground, lead the cast of "The Great Raid," which also includes Joseph Fiennes and RP's Cesar Montano.

IN MAKING "The Great Raid," director John Dahl and producer Marty Katz hoped to bring to vivid life one of the greatest little-known stories of heroism in American history.

It began when the production team read William B. Breuer's acclaimed book, "The Great Raid on Cabanatuan: Rescuing the Doomed Ghosts of Bataan and Corregidor." The book recounts the nearly impossible liberation of 511 POWs in the Philippines carried out by a small but fearless band of American Rangers, Alamo Scouts and local Filipino guerrillas.

"This was an amazing true story," says Katz.

When Dahl heard that a movie was being made about the miraculous raid, his interest was immediately piqued.

"My father fought in the Philippines so I was immediately attracted to the story," says Dahl. "It also seemed to me that this was a really important untold story from World War II that had been shuffled to the back pages and forgotten. I was grateful for the chance to tell the tale."

Though Dahl is best known for modern film noir, Katz was thrilled to have him on board. "John is a very level-headed storyteller," Katz observes. "I knew he would find a way to present this in a realistic, but engaging, way."

Entertaining, too

"The challenge was to keep as much of the story intact while also structuring it as an entertaining cinematic screenplay," says Dahl.

Katz and Dahl met with as many survivors and witnesses from the period as they could find—including the real Captain Robert Prince (played by James Franco in the movie).

One constant that they found among their interviewees was a desire for the story to be presented as accurately as possible. That was equally essential to Dahl and Katz, so when the screenplay was completed, they presented it to Breuer and asked for his suggestions.

Breuer says he was "delighted" that the writers had so scrupulously adhered to the facts that moved him in the first place to write his book.

When the script was completed, Dahl was thrilled, but also filled with the daunting realization that he was about to head into the largest and most technically complex filmmaking experience of his career.

Higher purpose

"I knew it was going to be a tremendous undertaking," he admits. "As it turned out, we had a tremendous amount of extremely talented people involved at almost every level. And I think we were pulled together by the sense that we were serving some kind of purpose in telling this story."

"The Great Raid," starring Benjamin Bratt, James Franco, Joseph Fiennes and Filipino actor Cesar Montano, is coming soon to Manila theaters.

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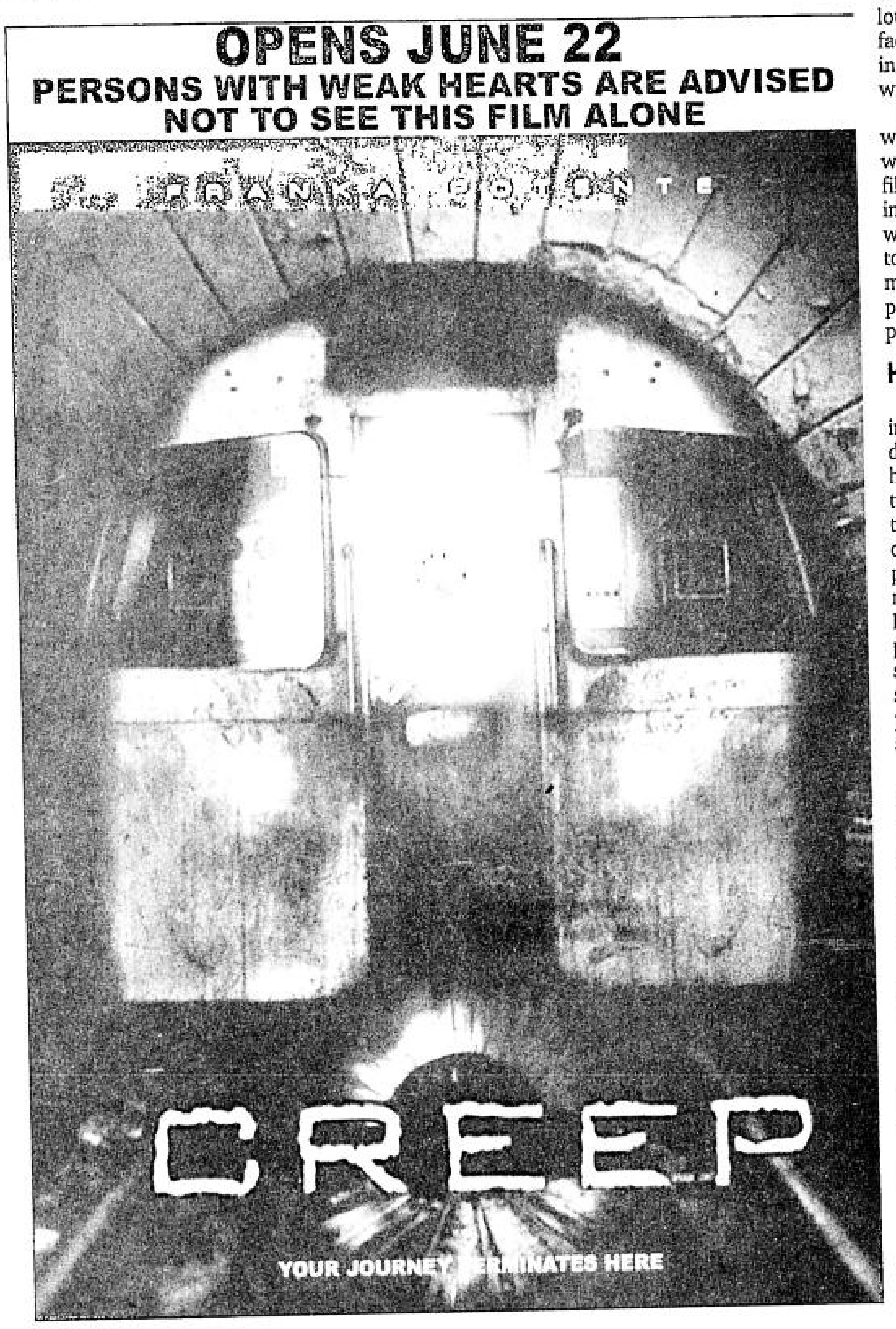
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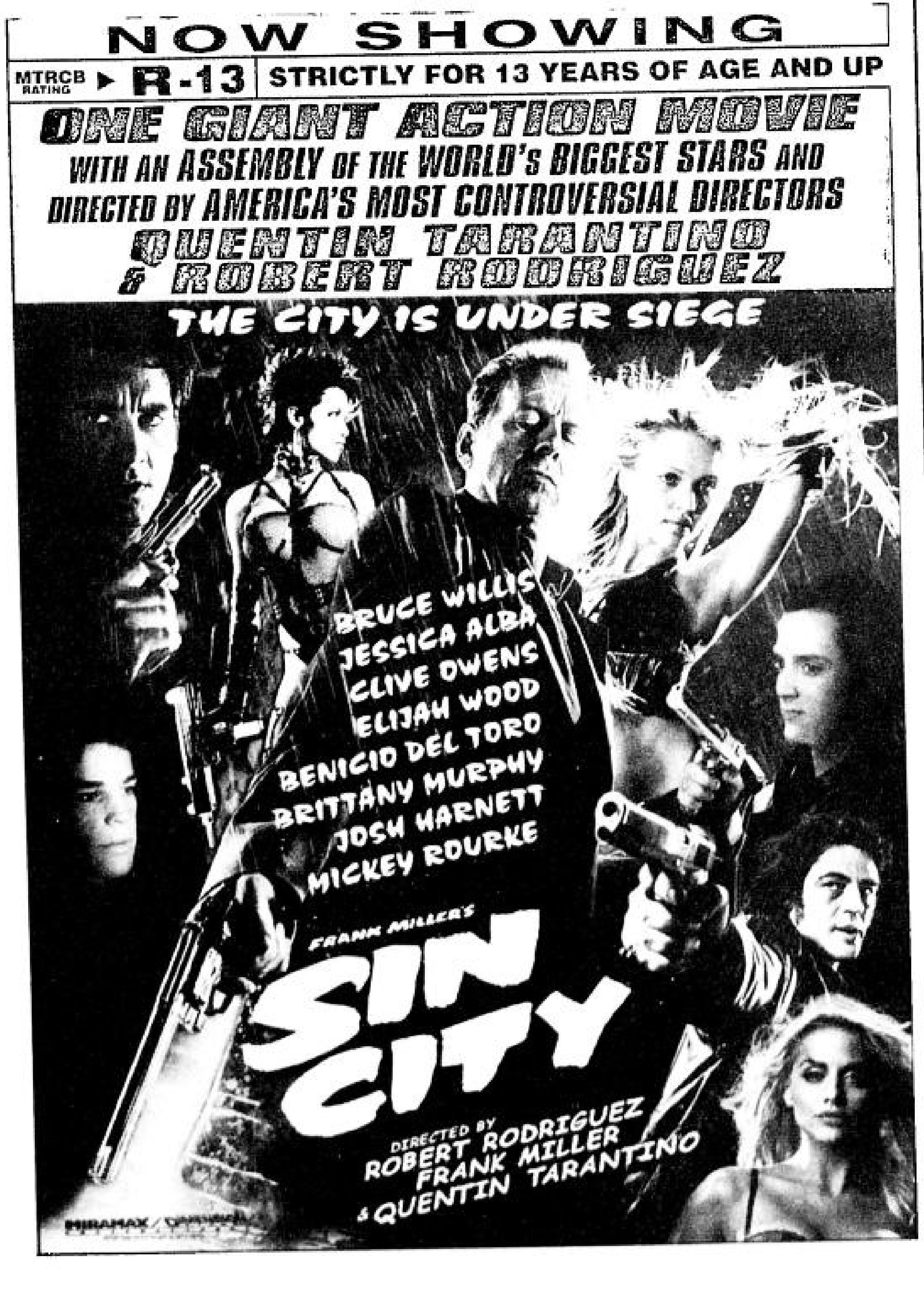
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HEROES ON DVD

Guess who's on DVD? Wonder Woman! The "most beautiful weapon in the fight against tyranny" is back in Warner Home Video's "Wonder Woman: The Complete First Season." The 13-episode collection includes the 90-minute movie pilot. The series premiered on ABC in December 1976. Also on Warner DVD, and VCD, is "Around the Bend," Best Feature Film at the 2004 San Diego Film Festival. Christopher Walken won Best Actor and Jury awards at the 2004 Montreal World Film Festival for his role in this film, which also stars Michael Caine.

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PARTNERS in life and business.

TAN-Gotianun nuptial over 50 years ago.

GRAD picture from UP

The lady who helped make a taipan

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

THERE are six known taipans in the country—Henry Sy, Lucio Tan, Alfonso Yuchengco, George SK Ty, John Gokongwei and Andrew Gotianun. These men are among the richest in the Philippines—most of whom have landed in the Fortune 500's list of the wealthiest in the world.

Only one—Andrew Gotianun—had his wife as a partner in building his empire, now under the flagship Filinvest Holdings Inc., which includes real estate (Filinvest Land Inc., banking (East West Bank) and retail (Festival Supermall).

But then, Mercedes Tan-Gotianun is not typical of ladies born during her time.

At 76, she still regularly dons her swimsuit to do laps for half an hour three times a week.

"This is what gives me energy," she says. She feels that after swimming, her stamina improves, she can think and work more effectively.

Mercedes believes in the importance of exercise and reminds her children of it. Which is probably why she does not care much for cosmetic surgery and believes in the natural way of caring for the body.

FIRST JOB

Another unique feature of Mercedes, chair and CEO of Filinvest Land Inc., is she is not averse to technology unlike many of her contemporaries. She carries the latest PDA/mobile gadget and handles the stylus with ease.

And Mercedes continues to work, even if she no longer needs to.

MERCEDES at five

Outstanding professional

Mercedes was recently given the Outstanding Professional Award for Business Administration by the University of the Philippines Alumni Association.

This despite being a Pharmacy graduate of UP. (Awarding is on June 25 at the Bahay ng Alumni).

But her achievements in business have been tremendous despite her being low-key. She was the first Filipina president of a universal bank when the family-owned Family Bank and Trust Co. became the 8th financial institution in the country to get a unibank license.

Mercedes says her mother dictated that she and two other sisters study Pharmacy because her mother was a pharmacist and owned a pharmacy which still exists today—80 years later.

But she did not mind. "I never thought about taking another course or going to another school."

And she even graduated magna cum laude.

THE UP Alumni Association made Mercedes an Outstanding Professional Awardee for Business Administration

Mercedes says she had never granted an interview and the talk with SundayBiz is her first. The venue was at the Palms Club in Alabang.

She declined to have her photos taken but brought pictures and even a write-up about her life written by son Jonathan "Atan" during one of her birthdays.

Such efficiency shows Mercedes' organizational skills in running anything—from large corporations to an interview.

Learnings from mom

In Atan's words, " Things we learn from Mom are just as numerous as Dad.

THE LADY/ B2

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DULTHE Carlo Munar, a metal junk artist/businessman.

Architect finds cash in scrap metal

By Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—When architect Dulthe Carlo Munar finished a building contract two years ago, he was left with a metal junk pile of screws, chrome pipes, automobile parts and even utensils like spoons and forks.

"I don't want to make the garbage collectors rich on my account," Munar says.

He then decided to make his versions of futuristic comic book characters out of welded screws, springs, gear and other stainless steel metal parts.

One day, a friend passed by, saw the model and bought it for P3,000.

Since 2003, Munar has come out with bookends, door knockers, paperweights, lamps and models of characters from the movies "Predator" and "Alien."

One time, he welded a cowboy made of huge screws and pipes riding the exhaust of his car. A stranger saw it at a gas station and ordered one.

His tail pipe or exhaust figures, which Munar baptized as his "Benguet Cowboy" series for cars and motorcycles, is now selling for P1,500 to P3,000 each.

His Predator bookends, which looked like they are spearing the books sandwiched between them, sell for P5,000. His models sell from P3,000 to P10,000 (a Terminator 3 item was bought by a toy collector).

Unlike other models (some handmade pewter models in the United States sell for $500 or P27,290), his are in fighting form.

"I tried to make Star Wars models a year ago but they were not selling," Munar says.

He also made hood ornaments of Predator and Alien but discontinued them because they were so pretty they were almost yanked out of his hood.

MUNAR shows off his functional art patterns

He made chess pieces for the blind when a friend in the United States ordered them. A classmate also ordered trophies for an archery competition for $100 (P5,458) each.

Other than referrals, Munar has not advertised his pieces and yet his business has been going well but not enough for him to stop teaching at the Saint Louis University here, which he has been doing for the past 20 years.

Other hobbyists have been making their own models of comic book heroes but Munar's models stand out because one can clearly see what they are made of.

One of his dinosaur models has a tail made of motorcycle chain. The head of one of his monsters is made of a used spark plug while the ribs are made of springs. The weapons of some of the soldier models are used scalpels or butter knives. A helmet is made of spoon.

"That is part of their charm," he says.

Munar designs and assembles

ARCHITECT/ B3

No more bumping into someone with the same clothes

By Anne Luisa E. Villarico

IT IS a scene that plays out often enough to be annoying.

Here you are, proudly wearing your newly bought top, when you run into somebody wearing the exact same thing.

Partners Mags Yap, 29, and Dotie Diaz, 28 then thought that with people today wanting to be individual, they would be willing to pay a premium to have their clothes custom-made and guaranteed to stand out from the crowd.

It is on this assumption that The Store With No Name was put up.

Aside from producing its own line of clothing apparel, it aims to be a vehicle for the youth's fashion sense to flourish through customization.

Mags and Dotie were confident enough about the concept's prospects that they resigned from their respective jobs to work full time on The Store With No Name. It also helped that they already knew each other before they put up the Store.

Mags used to work for six years in the franchise of a branded casual apparel store that her family ran.

She was the business operations manager, handling stores in Bulacan, Olongapo, Bataan, Angeles City and Clark when she decided to leave the business in 2002 to put up her own business.

Dotie, on the other hand, was the product manager of one of the clothing store that Mags' family franchised when she also decided to call it quits in 2002 to start her own clothing business.

They decided to work on their common project together when they bumped into each other that year through a common friend, who was having a party.

They mentioned their career plans to each other, and upon learning that they have similar plans, they decided to work as partners and put up Store With No Name under Clothing Values Enterprises Inc.

With the help of their relatives, they were able to pool enough money to open their flagship store in February 2004 at the Robinson's Mall in Galleria.

The Store encourages its target market of 16-24 year olds to express their individuality with a well-placed bead, bauble or bow on classic or trendy pieces.

"Store With No Name is celebrating the individuality of the customers, not the product," Dotie says.

The owners see to it that the merchandise could adapt to the different moods and needs of the customer. Whether plain or jazzed up, the effect should be remarkable and deliberate.

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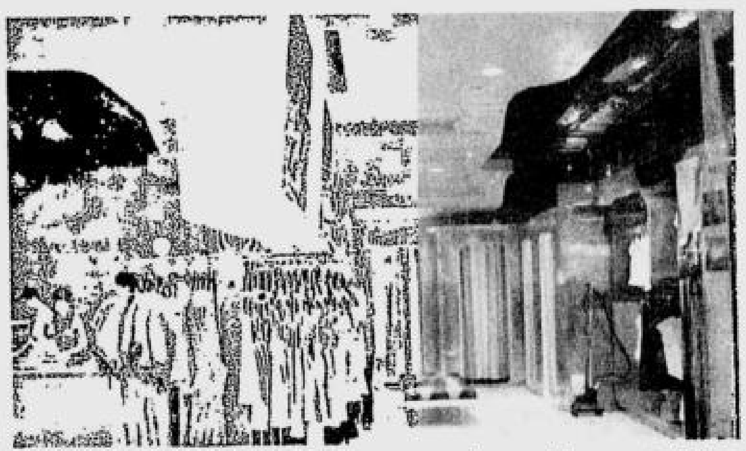
Young Entrepreneurs

THE STORE partners, Mags Yap and Dotie Diaz



THE UNIQUE customization features makes up 15 percent of their gross sales

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THE STORE with No Name encourages its target market to express their individuality with a well-placed bead, bauble or bow on classic or trendy pieces.

Individualization concept

The enterprising partners of the store introduced the individualization concept into the mainstream fashion scene.

Mags handles sales and operations, while Dotie takes charge of marketing and merchandising of their products.

Dotie likes the art of customizing the customer's clothes.

"It [customizing] has been my hobby since I was in college," Diaz says.

"We also try to ask the customers a lot of questions about their personality. Then we suggest the styles for customers approval."

The unique customization feature makes up 15 percent of their gross sales.

A website was also created to give options for online users to individualize their virtual clothing creations—from choosing a T-shirt or blouse style to putting on patches or decals.

Distinct creations are also recorded in a special scrapbook of imaginative designs which serve as a sourcebook of sorts for customers to refer to.

The Store With No Name also carries young and hip accessory lines from Get Happy and Cole Vintage that complete the whole look.

It accepts student apprentices, preferably in their 3rd to 4th year in college. Dotie says The Store With No Name gives them an overview of all the aspects of fashion retail, to help them when they graduate.

"Even if they don't study about fashion, but they have the skills and creativity, we accept them," Dotie says.

The apprentices get to customize the clothes. Diaz adds that she lets the apprentices get a taste of selling, cashiering and inventory management.

The Store also gives them the chance to have their employees to be regularized in their job as opposed to the common practice in the retail industry of getting contractual workers.

"If we see that they really have the talent and the skills and the will to keep the job, they have the chance to get regularized and we pay them higher than minimum wage," says Mags.

The Store also provides comprehensive orientation program to their employees. Diaz says that they give their sales associates all the skills that they need to advance in their career.

"What we want is that after the training, we will help employees put up their own business in the future. They shouldn't stay as sales associates longer than three years," she adds.

The next challenge for The Store is to expand.

Dotie hopes to open two more stores this year, preferably in Makati and Alabang. She says customers are even looking for their shop in Glorietta.

For more information visit their website at www.thestorewithnoname.com

The lady who helped make a taipan

From page B1

We learn to make lists of things to do from her. She seems always to have something to do. We are still trying to emulate her in how she works. She is the most organized and neat. There is usually no paper on her desks. She remembers things and is tenacious in seeing them to their successful conclusion. She teaches us to do things "one at a time," do our best and leave the rest to God."

The Gotianun fortune started with a credit business—the Filinvest Credit Corp.—one of the pioneers in car financing. This was set up in 1955 when Mercedes has just given birth to Joji, their third child.

But this was not the first time Andrew involved Mercedes in business.

After finishing college in 1951, one of her professors at UP who was the dean in Adamson University hired Mercedes as a teacher for P120 a month—quite a big amount during those those times when teachers were well paid.

While teaching, she applied for a scholarship at Purdue University in the United States for post-graduate studies and she was accepted. But after two terms at Adamson, Andrew proposed and she accepted.

"She decided not to leave because she was not sure Dad would wait for her to come back. She said she would have been part of a team that made some important medical discovery had she gone to Purdue," Atan wrote.

Early years

Even Mercedes' mother was not too happy with her decision because Andrew is from Cebu and after the wedding, the couple was set to move to the province. But Mercedes' paternal grandfather Tan Tian, approved of Andrew for three reasons: he is Chinese whose origins are Xiamen, he comes from a good family and they share the same name—Tian Un.

Andrew had to stop school at San Beda College when his father died. Being the eldest son he had to take care of his mother and siblings. When they arrived in Cebu, he managed some inter-island vessels he inherited.

Mercedes was supposed to settle to become a homemaker.

"But one day my husband lost his cashier. So he asked me to help. I didn't know how although I had two units of accounting in Pharmacy. Andrew gave me a cash journal and taught me how to write checks," she recalls.

That marked the start of their partnership. After only a few years, they decided to sell the vessels and migrate to Manila. They then started the credit business.

The office was set up on the first floor of their apartment at P. Casal in Quiapo and the family lived upstairs. Mercedes says they got a loan of P300,000 by using land Andrew had inherited in Cebu as collateral. She says her title for the longest time was office manager.

The credit business proved to be a good one. At that time only second-hand vehicles were available and a car then cost about P5,000. Loan period was only one year.

The business grew and they expanded to other ventures. In 1970 Andrew and Mercedes set up the Family Savings Bank (now BPI Family Bank) with Mercedes as EVP and later as president in 1978.

Achievements

Under her leadership, the bank grew into the largest savings bank in the country and in 1981 was granted authority by the Central Bank to engage in full commercial banking. The bank was renamed Family Bank and Trust Co. In 1982, FBTC acquired a universal banking license making Mercedes the first Filipina president of universal bank.

Mercedes modestly brushes aside her achievements but she is one of the first powerful Filipinas in the local business world.

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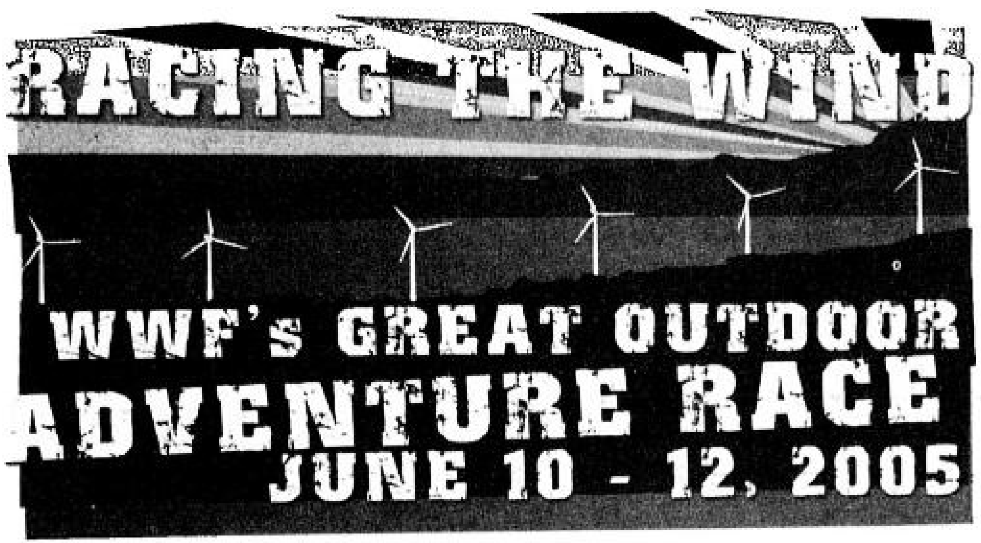
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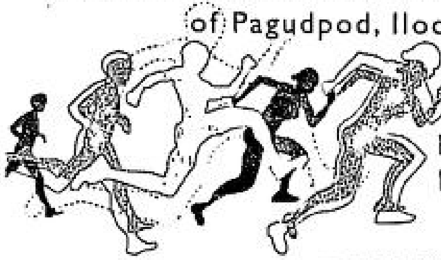

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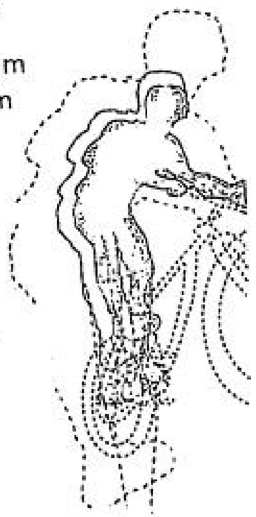

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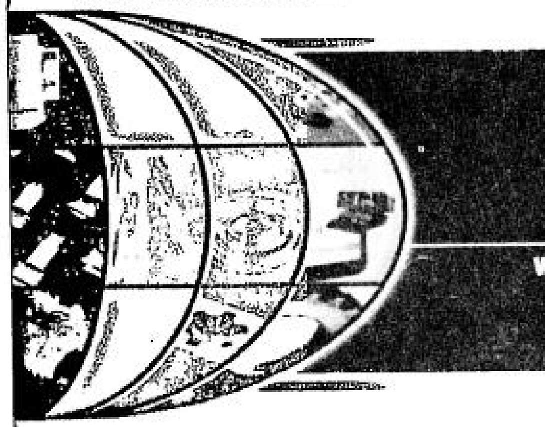

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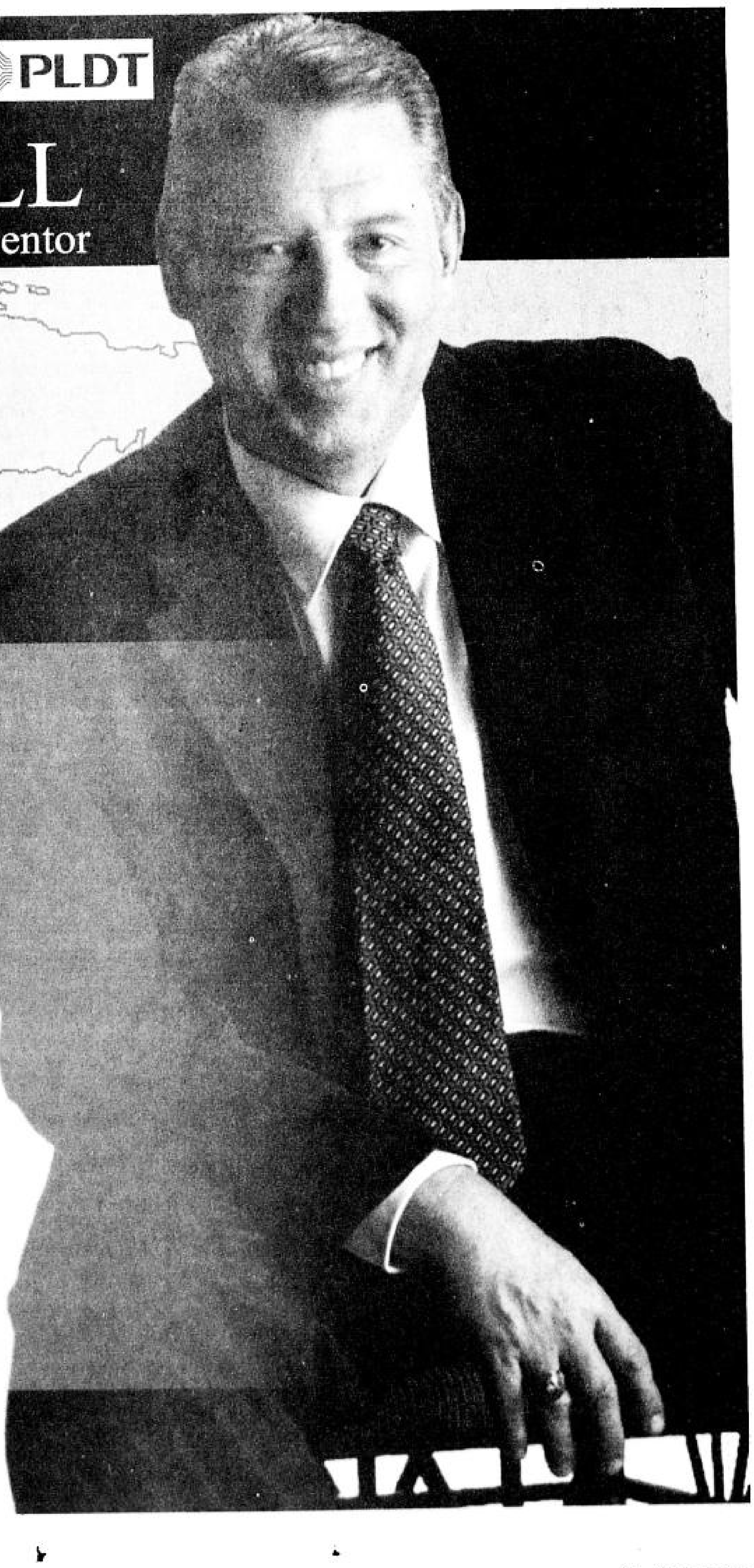

THE GOTIANUN family.

The lady who ...

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Her husband Andrew admits to his children that he was attracted to her because "she was intelligent and outstanding in school."

This intelligence shown earlier on when she graduated valedictorian of her high school class at the College of the Holy Ghost (now College of the Holy Spirit). She also appreciated the training her mother provided who required all her children (eight of them) to work at the pharmacy.

"Whenever there was no class or my mom was not there, we worked in the pharmacy—selling, observing the pharmacists. Medicine then was compounded or mixed. There were no ready made ones."

Her mom was Justina Gotamco and her father was Theodore Tan. The pharmacy set up by her mom, International Pharmacy, still stands at Bustillos in Sampaloc.

Mercedes may have had no formal training in business but after being informally tapped by Andrew to do bookkeeping for their ventures, she became an expert in computing monthly amortization and using interest rate tables. Son Atan wrote at that time when his parents started the credit business," there were no computers and everybody in the financing business used interest factors and tables to determine the monthly amortization due from a customer, given the amount to be financed, the terms and the interest rate."

Many have commented that it was actually Mercedes who was responsible for the growth of the Gotianun empire but she waves this aside. To her it was a partnership—Andrew had the vision, she merely implemented it.

"Mom was more detailed and operations oriented. She helped run the office and make things work. She helped hire the people and put in the systems to ensure the business was run well. We always remind Dad how lucky he is to have Mom. Without her, he would not have been able to do half the things he had done over the years. When he married Mom, he gained not only a wife but also an executive to help him in business," Atan wrote.

Architect finds...

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the models. He has two welders as assistants.

He says he first draws his models and visualizes how to incorporate the junk.

He can make six tail pipe figures in a day while a large model can take a day or even a week.

He still has no name for his company and no shop other than his garage. He lends his figures to the shops of his friends who then refer customers to Munar.

"At first, none of my figures are alike because I just use parts found in my shop," Munar says.

Because of the demand, he now buys parts specifically for his work. He also began selling cheaper models using non-stainless steel parts.

Munar says being in a Third World country could force one to be more creative and resourceful.

Before going into his welded figures, he created small cabinets and furniture using scrap wood again from his workshop.

Munar sold his mini-furniture to doll house collectors here and abroad through word of mouth.

"I was able to buy my car from the profits," he says.

Munar is busy creating a life-size figure of the Predator and Alien for a collector in Ilocos.

"I don't know how many spoons, wires and automobile parts I have used. I hope they can be as deadly-looking as the original," he says.

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

Interested parties in good standing with regulatory agencies, committed to, and with sufficient financial capability to further develop and enhance the Bank are invited to submit to ING Bank N.V., the exclusive financial advisor to the Committee, a request to pre-qualify together with the following:

(1) full name of the interested party, address, telephone and telefax number of principal contact;
(2) business overview;
(3) list and nationality of shareholders and their respective shareholdings; in the case of corporate shareholders, the principal shareholders thereof and their respective nationalities;
(4) evidence of financial capacity to pursue the Transaction (e.g. audited financial statements or equivalent);
(5) Duly executed confidentiality agreement (form may be obtained from ING Bank N.V.);
(6) if the interested party is a consortium, all the information and documents enumerated above in respect of each member of the consortium, and the consortium shareholding structure.

All documents must be duly certified/signed by an authorized representative of the interested party. All pre-qualification requirements must be submitted to ING Bank N.V. no later than 5:00 p.m. Manila time on 1 July 2005 at any of the following addresses:

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Interested parties should direct all clarifications to ING Bank N.V. – Corporate Finance during regular office hours at the above contact details.

Pre-qualified interested parties will be informed shortly thereafter and will be provided with a Bidding Package, which includes the bidding rules and an information memorandum on PNB. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any interested party without offering any reason whatsoever.

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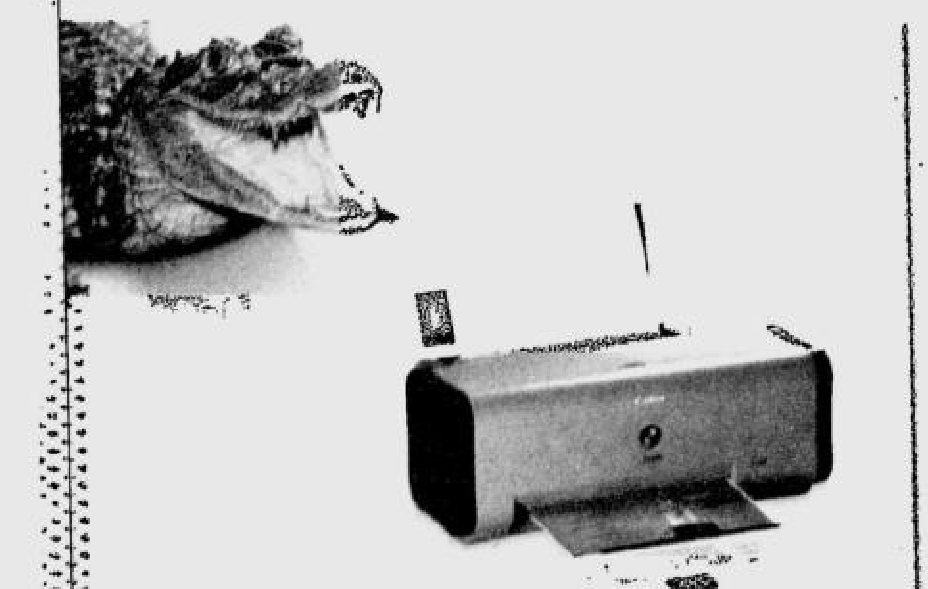

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RESOLUTION NO. 2005-015

CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS, ANY AND ALL FORMS OF EXTRA-CONSTITUTIONAL AND EXTRA-LEGAL MOVES TO EFFECT CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT, CALLING ON ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY TO MAINTAIN SOBRIETY AND FULL CONFIDENCE IN OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND ALL DULY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES, AND ENJOINING RESPECT FOR THE CONSTITUTION AND THE RULE OF LAW

WHEREAS, the recent train of events in both the national and local scenes support the logical conclusion that some sectors in our society are again out to sow national discord by seeking changes through extra-constitutional and extra-legal means, bordering within the bounds of falsehood and deception;

WHEREAS, those commiting these acts of destabilization seek to ultimately grab power to push for personal gain and to protect private interest at the expense of the general welfare and the public good;

WHEREAS, the more than 1.5 million local authorities, moved by the moral conviction reposed in them by their people, and faithful to the letter and spirit of the Local Government Code to promote the general welfare and well-being of their constituents, hereby exercise their solemn duties and mandates and be the prime movers for positive change and progressive reforms and development.

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), joined by all its member-leagues in representation of the Filipino people, and crossing political lines to:

1. DECLARE, as it hereby declares, full support and therefore stand united behind Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and her programs of development, pro-poor initiatives for the people and her economic and political reforms to build a strong republic:
2. CONDEMN, as it does hereby condemn in the strongest possible terms, any and all forms of extra-constitutional and extra-legal moves to effect changes in government, including calls for the President to resign;
3. CALL, as it does hereby call, on all sectors of society to maintain sobriety and full confidence in our democratic institutions and all duly constituted authorities and to take such actions and measures to protect the same:
4. ENJOIN, as it does hereby enjoin, respect for the Constitution and the rule of law; and, towards this end:
    a. RALLY all our constituents behind the rule of democratic government;
    b. UTILIZE our powers and resources under a convergence strategy for the progress of our country and welfare of our people;
    c. CAPITALIZE on our new-found strength to supplant destabilization, unmask any and all evil designs waged by any sector of society, and firm up the bond for general welfare of the Filipino people.
5. CALL as it does call, a national summit for the Kilos Asenso, a movement initiated by the ULAP and President's 10-point agenda, harnessing in the process, the over P29 Billion 20% development fund as counterpart under the convergence strategy.

Done this 11th of June 2005, during the ***UGNAYAN PAMAHALAANG LOKAL PARA SA PAMBANSANG PAGKAKAISA.***

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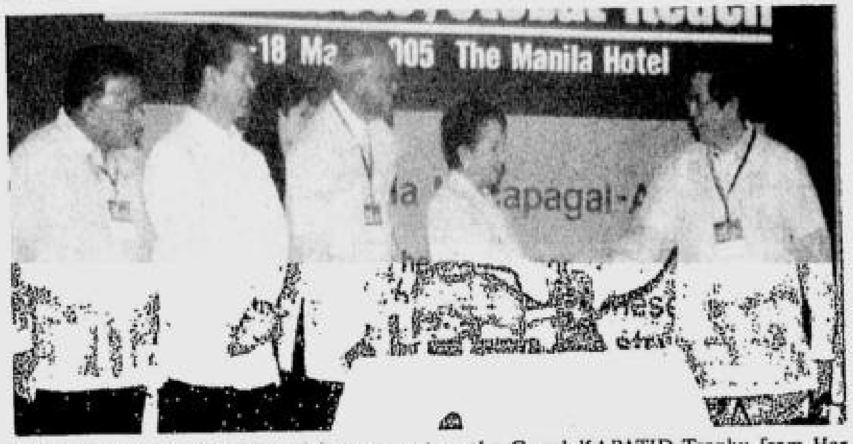

MERALCO Chairman Manuel Lopez receives the Grand KAPATID Trophy from Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. Also in picture are: (from left) ECOP Chairman Miguel Varela, Vice President Noli De Castro, and 2005 KAPATID Awards Chairman Rene Cristobal.

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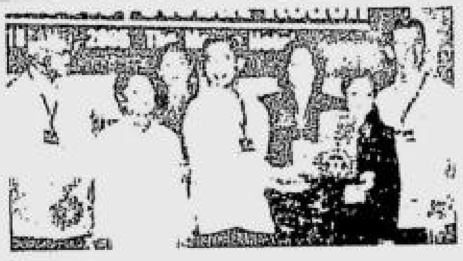

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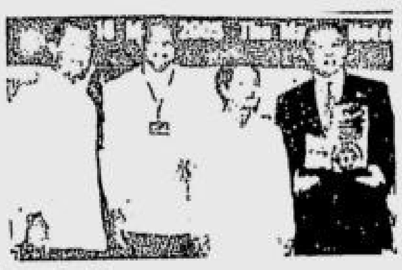

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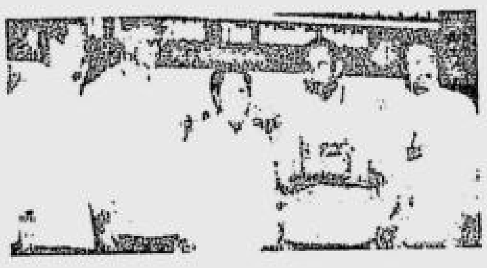

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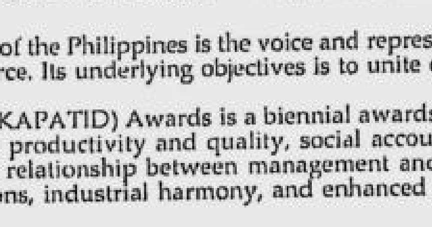

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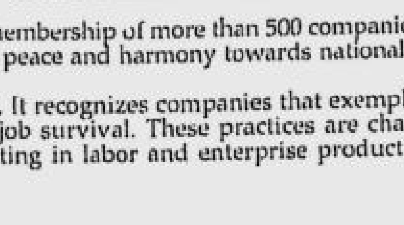

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Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Intramuros, Manila

RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE RECALL OF ELECTIVE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE,
AS AMENDED.

PRESENT:

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Promulgated on: 6 June 2005

RESOLUTION NO. 7505

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) expressly provides for the recall of elective local government officials, either by a written petition of the registered voters in the local government unit concerned, or through a preparatory recall assembly.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9244 eliminated the preparatory recall assembly as a mode of initiating recall, and provided for new procedures in the conduct of recall initiated through the written petition of the registered voters.

NOW THEREFORE, the Commission on Elections, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Local Government Code, as amended, the Omnibus Election Code, Republic Act No. 9244, and other election laws, **RESOLVED,** as it hereby **RESOLVES** to promulgate, the following Rules and Regulations for the Recall of Elective Local Government Officials.

SECTION. 1. *Who may exercise.* – The power of recall shall be exercised by the registered voters of the local government unit to which the elective local government official subject of such recall belongs.

SEC. 2. *Who may be recalled, Ground* – Any elective provincial, city, municipal or *barangay* official may be recalled for loss of confidence.

SEC. 3. *When may petition for recall be filed.* – A petition for recall may be filed at any time after the assumption to office of the official sought to be recalled: *Provided,* That the recall election shall be conducted not earlier than one (1) year from the date of said assumption to office, and not later than one (1) year immediately preceding the next regular local election. The "next regular local election" referred to shall be the regular local election where the position of the official sought to be recalled is to be actually contested and filled by the electorate.

SEC. 4. *Where to file petition for recall.* – A petition for recall shall be filed with the proper field office of the Commission on Elections (Commission), as follows:

(a) A petition for the recall of an elective city, municipal or barangay official shall be filed with the Office of the Election Officer (EO) of the city or municipality where the official sought to be recalled belongs.

(b) A petition for the recall of an elective provincial official shall be filed with the Office of the Provincial Election Supervisor (PES) of the province where the official sought to be recalled belongs.

SEC. 5. *Main petitoner in a petition for recall.* – The main petitioner in a petition for recall shall be any registered voter of the local goverment concerned, who is registered as such during the election in which the local official sought to be recalled was elected.

SEC. 6. *Supporting petitioners in a petition for recall.* – The supporting petitioners in a petition for recall shall be the registered voters of the local government unit concerned, who are registered as such during the election in which the local official sought to be recalled was elected, and whose total number shall comply with the following percentage requirements:

Voting Population of Local Government Units Concerned	*Required Percentage of Minimum Number of Petitioners*
Not more than 20,000	At least twenty-five percent (25%)
At least 20,000 but not more than 75,000	At least twenty percent (20%) but not less than 5,000
At least 75,000 but not more than 300,000	At least fifteen percent (15%) but not less than 15, 000
Over 300,000	At least ten percent (10%) but not less than 45,000

SEC. 7. *How to file a petition for recall.* – The main petitioner or his representative shall personally file the petition for recall at the Commission's field office prescribed in Section 4 hereof, and affix his signature thereon, before the EO or PES, as the case may be.

SEC. 8. *Format of petition for recall.* – The petition for recall shall be in writing and under oath, prepared in twelve (12) copies and contain the following:

a. The name, address and signature of the main petitioner;
b. The name, address and signature of the main petitioner's representative if any;
c. The name of the official sought to be recalled, including his position;
d. A brief narration of the reasons and justifications for the filing of the petition.
e. The names, addresses and signatures of the supporting petitioners; and
f. The barangay, municipality, city, local legislative district and province to which each of the petitioners belongs.

The names, addresses and signatures of the supporting petitioners shall be indicated on signature sheets, in the form prescribed by the Commission. Each page of the signature sheet shall also indicate the name of the official sought to be recalled, including his position; a brief narration of the reasons and justifications for the filing of the petition; and the barangay, municipality, city, local legislative district and province to which each of the petitioners belongs.

Illiterate voters may affix their thumbmarks on the petition for recall *Provided,* That such fact of illiteracy appears in their respective Voter Registration Records.

The Election Officers and Provincial Election Supervisors are hereby authorized to administer the oath of the main petitioner, or his representative, if any, free of charge.

SEC. 9. *Schedule of filing fees for petition for recall.* – No petition for recall shall be given due course by the Commission unless the petitioners have paid the requisite filing fee in accoardance with the following schedule:

Voting Population of Local Government Units Concerned	*Filing Fee*
Not more than 20,000	Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000)
At least 20,000 but not more than 75,000	Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P15,000)
At least 75,000 but not more than 300,000	Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000)
Over 300,000	Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000)

The filing fee shall be tendered to the EO or PES, as the case may be, payable to the Cash Division. Commission on Elections, Manila, in the form of manager's check, bank draft or postal money order . The EO or PES shall immediately remit the same to the Cash Division.

SEC. 10. *Attachement to a petition for recall.* – A petition for recall shall be supported by the following certifications:

a. On the voting population of the local government unit concerned, issued by the National Statistics Office (NSO) based on the latest census conducted immediately preceding the filing of the petition for recall;
b. On the assumption to duty by the elective official sought to be recalled, issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG); and
c. That the prescribed filing fee has been paid, issued by the EO or PES as the case may be, attaching thereto a photocopy of the manager's check, bank draft or postal money order.

SEC. 11. *Distribution of copies of the petition.* – The twelve (12) copies of the ptition for recall shall be distributed, as follows:

a. Seven (7) copies, to the Commission *En Banc*;
b. One (1) copy to the Office of the Executive Director (OED);
c. One (1) copy, to the Office of the Deputy Executive Director for Operations (ODEDO);
d. One (1) copy, to the official sought to be recalled in case of sufficiency of the petition for recall; and
e. Two (2) copies to be retained by the EO or PES.

SEC. 12. *Certification of sufficiency or insufficiency of petition for recall.* – The EO or the PES as the case may be, shall, within three (3) days from the filing of the recall petition, determine whether or not.

a. The required percentage or total number of signatories has been attained based on the certification on voting population issued by the NSO, and
b. All the requirements prescribedd in the preceding sections have been compiled with.

The EO or PES concerned shall submit his findings thereon, including nine (9) copies of the petition, to the ODEDO, Commission on Elections, Manila, who shall in turn immediately furnish the OED with a copy of the findings of the EO or PES, together with a copy of the petition.

The ODEDO shall review the findings of the EO or PES to determine the correctness thereof, and within three (3) days from receipt of said findings, submit its recommendation, together with seven (7) copies of the petition, to the Commission *En Banc,* which shall, within fifteen (15) days from the filing of the petition, issue a Resolution certifying to the sufficiency or insufficiency of the petition for recall. Copies of the Resolution shall be furnished the EO or PES concerned, the petitioner, and the elective official sought to be recalled.

Any party aggrieved by the Resolution certifying to the sufficiency or insufficiency of the petition may, within three (3) days from receipt thereof, file a motion for reconsideration with the Commission *En Banc* challenging said Resolution, furnishing a copy of said motion to the EO or PES concerned.

In case a motion for reconsideration has been filed by any aggrieved party, the EO or PES concerned shall hold in abeyance any action on the petition until after receipt of the Resolution of the Commission *En Banc* on said motion.

SEC. 13. *Resolution on motion for reconsideration: Final and executory.* – The Resolution of the Commission *En Banc* on any motion for reconsideration shall be final and executory.

SEC. 14. *Insufficiency of petition for recall.* – If the Commission *En Banc* certifies to the insufficiency of the petition for recall, said petition is automatically nullified. The Deputy Executive Director for Operations shall, within three (3) days from the promulgation of the Resolution certifying to the insufficiency of the petition for recall, or denying the motion for reconsideration of a Resolution certifying to the insufficiency of the petition for recall, if one has been filed, furnish copies of the Resolution to the EO or PEs concerned, who shall, within three (3) days from receipt of the Resolution, personally serve copies thereof to the petitioner and official sought to be recalled. Thereafter the EO or PES concerned shall submit to the Commssion *En Banc,* through the Deputy Executive Director for Operations, his report of service of the petition to the petitioner and official sought to be recalled.

Proof of service of the Resolution of the Commission *En Banc* certifying to the insufficiency of the petition for recall is a mandatory element of due process. In case of refusal of the petitioner to acknowledge receipt of said Resolution, the EO or PES shall send the copy thereof via registered mail. In such a case, the EO or PES shall submit to the Commssion *En Banc,* through the Deputy Executive Director for Operations, his report of service of the Resolution through registered mail, attaching thereto the registry receipt.

In case of recall of a city, municipal or barangay official, the EO shall, within three (3) days from receipt of the Resolution, post a Notice of Insufficiency of the Petition for Recall on the bulletin boards of the EO office, city hall or municipal building. In case of recall of provincial elective officials, the PES shall, within the same period, post a Notice of Insufficiency of the Petition for Recall on the bulletin boards of the PES office and provincial capitol, and direct all the EOs in the province to post said notice on the bulletin boards of their respective offices, the city hall or municipal building within their jurisdiction.

SEC. 15. *Sufficiency of petition for recall; Notice.* – Within three (3) days from the promulgation of the Resolution of the Commission *En Banc* certifying to the sufficiency of the petition for recall, or denying the motion for reconsideration of the Resolution certifying to the sufficiency of the petition for recall, if one has been filed, the Deputy Executive Director for Operations shall furnish copies of the Resolution to the EO or PES concerned, who shall, within three (3) days from receipt of the Resolution, personally serve copies thereof to the petitioner and official sought to be recalled. Personal service of the Resolution to the official sought to be recalled shall be accompanied by a copy of the petition for recall. Thereafter the EO or PES concerned shall submit to the Commission En Banc, through the Deputy Executive Director for Operations his report of service of the Resolution to the petitioner, and of the Resolution and petition to the official sought to be recalled.

Proof of service of the Resolution of the Commission En Banc certifying to the sufficiency of the petition for recall is a mandatory element of due process. In case of refusal of the official sought to be recalled to acknowledge receipt of the Resolution and petition, the EO or PES shall send the copies thereof to the official sought to be recalled via registered mail, and pesonally serve a copy of the Resolution and petition to the Secretary of the *Sanggunian* concerned. The EO or PES shall submit to the Commission En Banc, through the Deputy Executive Director for Operations, his report of service of the Resolution and petition to the official sought to be recalled through registered mail, attaching thereto the registry receipt, and of personal service thereof to the Secretary of the *Sanggunian* concerned.

In case of recall of a city, municipal or barangay official, the EO shall, within three (3) days from receipt of the Resolution, post a Notice of Sufficiency of the Petition for Recall on the bulletin board of his office and, through the Secretary of the *Sanggunian* concerned, on the bulletin board of the city hall or municipal building. In case of recall of provincial elective officials, the PES shall, within the same period, post a Notice of Sufficiency of the Petition for Recall on the bulletin board of his office and, through the Secretary of the *Sanggunian Panlalawigan,* on the bulletin board of the provincial capitol. The PES shall likewise direct all the EOs in the province to post said notice on the bulletin boards of their respective offices and, through the Secretaries of the *Sanggunian* concerned, on the bulletin boards of the city hall or municipal building within their jurisdiction.

SEC. 16. *Sufficiency of petition for recall; Publication and Posting* – Within the same period mentioned in the immediately preceding section, the EO or PES shall, at the expense of the petitioner.

a. Cause the publication of the petition, excluding the pages containing the names, addresses and signatures of the supporting petitioners, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a national newspaper of general circulation and in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality; and
b. Post copies of the petition, including the pages containing the names, addresses and signatures of the supporting petitioners in at least five (5) public and conspicuous places in the local government units affected for a period of not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty (20) days, for the purpose of allowing interested parties to examine and verify the validity of the petition and the authenticity of the signatures contained therein.

SEC. 17. *Notice of Schedule of Verification* – Within the same period mentioned in the immediately preceding section, the EO of PES shall schedule the verification of the signatures or thumbmarks of the petitioners.

In case of recall of a city, municipal or barangay official, the EO shall, within the same period, serve notice of the verification schedule to the main petitioner and the official sought to be recalled, and post said notice on the bulletin boards of the EO office and of the city hall or municipal building.

In case of recall of provincial elective officials, the PES shall, within the same period, serve notice of the verification schedule to the main petitioner and the official sought to be recalled, post said notice on the bulletin boards of the PES office and provincial capitol, and direct all the EOs in the province to post the notice of the verification schedule on the bulletin boards of their respective offices and of the city hall or municipal building within their jurisdiction.

In all cases, notice of the verification schedule shall be posted by the EO in the same five (5) conspicuous public places in the city or municipality where the petition is posted.

In scheduling the verification of signatures or thumbmarks, the EO or PES shall take into consideration the number of signatories to the petition. In no case, however, shall the number of days for verification exceed the following periods:

Period of Verification	**Total Number of Signatories**
Fifteen (15) days	More than 300,000
Twelve (12) days	At least 75,000 but less than 300,000
Nine (9) days	At least 20,000 but less than 75,000
Six (6) days	At least 5,000 but not more than 20,000
Three (3) days	Less than 5,000

SEC. 18. *Verification center* – If a large number of precincts or barangays are involved, the EO or PES may establish as many verification centers as may be necessary to enable the EO, PES and elective official sought to be recalled, or their representatives, to verify the signatures or thumbmarks of the petitioners, in an orderly manner and within the period prescribed in the immediately preceding section. For this purpose, the petitioner and official sought to be recalled shall submit to the EO or PES concerned the names and places of assignment of their duly authorized representatives during the verification proceedings.

The location of each verification center shall be included in the notice of the schedule of verification.

SEC. 19. *Verification center personnel; Minutes of proceedings.* – Each verification center shall be manned by the EO or PES, or his duly authorized representative. For this purposes, the EO or PES shall designate his Election Assistant/s, and if necessary, public school teachers to act as his representatives. The names of the representatives of the petitioner and official sought to be recalled assigned to a particular verification center shall be furnished by the EO or PES to his representative in said center.

The EO or PES or their duly authorized representatives in the verification centers shall record the minutes of the proceedings for each verification day in the form prescribed by the Commission.

SEC. 20. *Public verification* of *names, signatures or thumbmarks of the petitioners.* – The verification of the names, signatures or thumbmarks of the petitioners shall at all times be open to the public, and conducted by the EO or his representative/s at his office and at the verification center, if any, using for this purpose the Books of Voters or Lists of Voters with Voting Records. The petitioner and the official sought to be recalled may send their representatives to the verification proceedings to serve as observers with the right to file objections.

SEC. 21. *Objections to signatures or thumbmarks of petitioners: Grounds.* – The elective official sought to be recalled, or his representative, may question the authenticity and genuineness of any signature or thumbmark on the following grounds.

a. The signature is forged or falsified;
b. The thumbmark is smudged, blurred or indistinct;
c. The thumbmark is that of a voter whose fact of illiteracy is not indicated in his voter registration record;
d. The petitioner is not a registered voter during the election in which the local official sought to be recalled was elected;
e. The petitioner's voter registration record has been deactivated during the election in which the local official sought to be recalled was elected; or
f. The signature or thumbmark of a petitioner appears in the petition more than once.

The objection shall be made orally before the EO or his representative. Thereafter, the oral objection shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the EO or his representative within the verification day when the oral objection was raised. The EO shall, on the day following the last verification day, determine whether the number of uncontested signatures or thumbmarks meets the percentage requirement or the required minimum number of petitioners.

If the number of uncontested signatures or thumbmarks meets the percentage requirement or the required minimum number of petitioners, the EO need not rule on the objections. If the number of uncontested signatures or thumbmarks is lower than the percentage requirement or the required minimum number of petitioners, the EO shall, within twenty-four (24) hours from adjournment of the last verification day, rule upon all the objections raised during the verification period, and furnish the petitioner and official sought to be recalled with copies of his written ruling.

Any party aggrieved by the ruling of the EO may, within three (3) days from receipt of said ruling, appeal the same before the Commission *En Banc,* furnishing the EO with a copy of said appeal. In case of recall of provincial elective officials, the PES shall likewise be furnished a copy of said appeal. Pending resolution of the appeal, the EO shall withhold any action on the contested signatures or thumbmarks. The Commission *En Banc* shall rule on said åppeal within fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof, which ruling shall be final and executory.

The Commission may, if warranted, direct its Election Records and Statistics Department (ERSD) to conduct technical examination and verification of the contested signatures or thumbmarks of the petitioners. The ERSD shall accordingly inform the Commission, through the ODEDO, of its technical findings.

SEC. 22. *Adjournment of verification.* – At the end of each verification day, the representatives of the EO at the verification centers shall deliver to the EO, for safekeeping, the written objections, if any, including the minutes of the verification proceedings. The representatives of the EO shall keep the Books of Voters, Lists of Voters with Voting Records and the Petition in a secured room.

At the end of the last day of verification, the representatives of the EO at the verification centers shall deliver to the EO the following:

a. Books of Voters;
b. Lists of Voters with Voting Records;
c. Petition;
d. Written objections, if any; and
e. Minutes of the verification proceedings

The EO shall, based on the minutes of the verification proceedings, prepare a Summary Report indicating the number of signatures and thumbmarks verified, the number of uncontested signatures and thumbmarks, the number of contested signatures and thumbmarks and the grounds therefor, as well as the rulings made thereon. In case of recall of barangays, municipal or city elective officials, the EO shall transmit the report to the ODEDO, furnishing copies thereof to the Office of the Executive Director (OED), PES, RED, petitioner, and the official sought to be recalled. In case of recall of provincial elective officials, all the EOs shall submit their reports to the PES, who shall consolidate the same for transmission to the ODEDO, OED. RED, petitioner, and the official sought to the recalled.

SEC. 23. *Cancellation of signatures and thumbmarks of petitioners.* – In case there is no appeal filed by any aggrieved party or upon receipt of the Resolution of the Commission *En Banc* affirming on appeal the ruling of the EO to cancel signatures or thumbmarks, the EO shall cancel any:

a. Signature that is forged or falsified;
b. Thumbmark that is smudged, blurred or indistinct;
c. Thumbmarks of a voter whose fact of illiteracy is not indicated in his voter registration record;
d. Signature or thumbmark of a petitioner who is not a registered voter during the election in which the local official sought to be recalled was elected;
e. Signature or thumbmark of a petitioner whose voter registration record has been deactivated during the election in which the local official sought to be recalled was elected; or
f. Signature or thumbmark of a petitioner that appears in the petition more than once.

The elective official sought to be recalled shall be notified in writing of the cancellations made in accordance herewith, stating the reasons therefor. With respect to the petitioners whose signatures or thumbmarks have been cancelled, the notice of said cancellation, and the reasons therefor, shall be served upon the main petitioner.

SEC. 24. *Determination of percentage; Certification.* – In case there is no appeal filed by any aggrieved party, or upon receipt of the Resolution of the Commission *En Banc* on the appeal, if one has been made, the EO shall count the total valid signatures and thumbmarks, and issue a certification on the number of valid signatures and thumbmarks obtained in each barangay and whether or not the required percentage of signatories to the petition or the required minimum number of petitioners is attained.

In cases involving the recall of city, municipal or barangay officials, the EO shall send the certification immediately to the ODEDO, furnishing copies thereof to the OED, PES, RED, petitioner, and official sought to be recalled.

In cases involving provincial officials, the EO of each city or municipality shall immediately send the certification to the PES of the province, or to the RED, in case of the National Capital Region. On the basis of said certifications, the PES or the RED-NCR shall prepare a consolidated report on the total number of valid signatures or thumbmarks obtained per city and/or municipality. The PES or RED-NCR, as the case may be, shall issue a certification on the number of valid signatures and thumbmarks obtained in each city and/or municipality and whether or not the required percentage of signatories to the petition or the required minimum number of petitioners is attained. The PES or RED-NCR shall attach to his certification the consolidated report and the certifications submitted by the EO, and send the same immediately to the ODEDO, furnishing copies thereof to the OE, RED (in case of the PES), petitioner, and official sought to be recalled.

SEC. 25. *Review and evaluation; Setting of recall election.* – After appropriate review and evaluation of the submitted petition and its supporting documents by the ODEDO, and if no infirmities in the process or incompleteness in the documents are found, favorable recommendation shall be made to the Commission *En Banc* for the setting of the recall election.

Should there be non-compliance with the reglementary requirements and corresponding actions on the documents by the field officials, the ODEDO shall require the EO/PES/RED to comply with the requirements.

Nothing in this provision, however, shall be construed as, in any manner, preventing the Commission *En Banc* to conduct, when necessary, an inquiry for the purpose of determining whether or not the petition submitted is sufficient in substance and form.

SEC. 26. *Schedule of recall election.* – After determination of the existence of a valid petition for recall, the Commission shall set the date of the election on recall, which shall not be later than thirty (30) days from the said determination, in the case of barangay, city or municipal officials, and forty-five (45) days, in the case of provincial officials.

The Commission shall then announce the acceptance of candidates to the position and thereafter prepare the list of candidates which shall include the name of the official sought to be recalled.

SEC. 27. *Who may participate in a recall election.* – All registered voters of the local government unit concerned as of the day of the recall election, whether or not registered during the election in which the local official sought to be recalled was elected, may vote in the recall election.

SEC. 28. *Effectivity of Recall.* – The recall of an elective official shall be effective only upon the election and proclamation of a successor in the person of the candidate having the highest number of votes cast during the election in recall. Should the official sought to be recalled receive the highest number of votes, confidence in him is thereby affirmed, and he shall continue office.

Termination of the tenure of office of the local official sought to be recalled, due to causes such as removal from office, death, total disability, permanent incapacity, or succession to the next higher position, shall bar the recall and render it moot and academic

SEC. 29. *Prohibition from Resignation.* – The local elective official sought to be recalled shall not be allowed to resign upon the filing of a petition for his recall. Resignation shall constitute abandonment of office punishable under the Revised Penal Code, Revised Administrative Code and such other laws, rules.

SEC. 30. *Limitations on Recall.* – Any elective local official may be the subject of a recall election only once during his term of office.

SEC. 31. *Expenses Incident to Recall Elections.* – All expenses incident to recall elections shall be borne by the Commission

SEC. 32. *Publication* – The Education and Information Department shall cause the publication of this Resolution in two (2) newspapers of general circulation

SEC. 33. *Dissemination* – The Office of the Executive Director, assisted by the Office of the Deputy Executive Director for Operations and the Education and Information Department, is hereby directed to disseminate this Resolution to all the Departments of the Commission and to all the Regional Election Directors for their dissemination to all their Provincial Election Supervisors and Election Officers, for their guidance and information.

Let the Deputy Executive Director for Operations implement this Resolution.

SO ORDERED.

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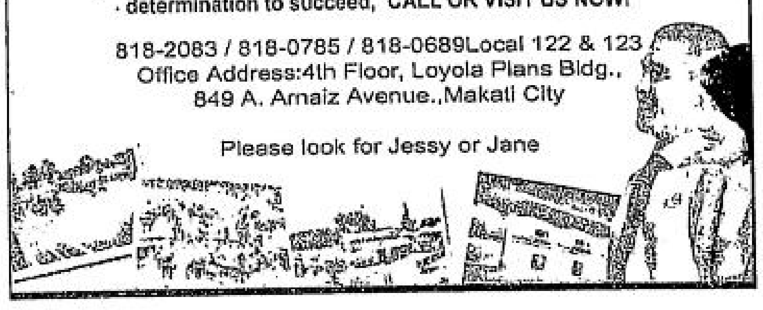

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Cebu Maritime Regional Office
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Case No. CMRO 05-094

RE Application for grant of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to operate a liner service in the operation of its ship/s in its/their applied route for the carriage of passengers and to charge deregulated rates and to operate under a deregulated schedule of trips pursuant to Republic Act no. 9295 and its implementing Rules and Regulations

DANIEL Y. SEARES,
Applicant
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ORDER

This refers to the Application for grant of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to operate the following ship/s in its/their route/s, under the following sailing frequency/ies, schedule of trips and rates:

1 For Liner Operation

Name of Ship/s	Service/s offered/to be offered
MBCA CRISTINA - 3	Carriage of Passenger only

Route/s to be served

Bantayan Island-Old Sagay, Negros Occidental and vice versa

Sailing Frequency(ies)/Schedule

DEPARTURE			ARRIVAL		
Port	Day	Time	Port	Day	Time
Balayan	Mon/Wed/Fri/Sun	10 00 AM	Old Sagay	Mon/Wed/Fri/Sun	12 00 NN
Old Sagay	Tue/Thu/Sat	10 00 AM	Bantayan	Tue/Thu/Sat	12 00 NN

Schedule of Rates (Per Link)

Passage Rates

LINKS		Type of Accommodation/Class	Rate
From	To		
Bantayan Island	Old Sagay	-	P 150 00

Cargo Rates

LINKS		Type of Cargo	Unit of Measure	Rate/Unit
From	To			
Bantayan Island	Old Sagay	Assorted	Per kilo	P0.10

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this order once in a newspaper once in any of the five (5) major newspapers of national circulation in the Philippines.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously cause the posting of this Order in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passengers terminal/s and ticketing offices, as applicable.

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on 16 June 2005 at 2:00 P.M. at the Hearing Room, Cebu Maritime Regional Office, Ground Floor, CCCI Bldg., cor 11th & 13th Avenues, North Reclamation Area, Cebu City which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution/decision.

WITNESS, the Honorable Administrator VICENTE T. SUAZO, JR., this 26th day of May 2005 in Cebu City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) GLENN G. CABANEZ
Regional Director

(PDI - June 12 2005)

National Transmission Corporation

TransCo
South Luzon Operations and Maintenance
Tel. No.: (02) 5206776; (02) 9814595/9814539/9814576
9814577/9814578 LOC. 4002: (049) 4114500 LOC. 4002

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2005-07A

The National Transmission Corporation, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder requirements:

PR NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	APPROVED BUDGET
PSMD-N-05-020	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 115, 69KV PROTECTION AND CONTROL PANEL	1 ASSEMBLY (8 PANELS)	P 7,800,000.00
CAV-05-132	INSULATORS, LINE, POST (PORCELAIN)	220 PCS	P 5,500,000.00

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last 2 years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed items for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR). The complete schedule of activities is as follows:

ACTIVITIES		SCHEDULE
1. Issuance of Bid Documents		June 15 - July 11, 2005
2. Pre-bid Conference	PSMD-N-05-020	June 29, 2005 1:30 PM
	CAV-05-132	June 29, 2005 3:30 PM
3. Opening of Bids	PSMD-N-05-020	July 12, 2005 9:00 AM
	CAV-05-132	July 12, 2005 1:30 PM

Bid Documents will be available to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P500.00 minimum, or 0.01% of the ABC whichever is higher, per bidding schedule to the National Transmission Corporation Cashier. Complete set of Bid Documents may be obtained from the BAC Secretariat/MMS, Administration Division, SLO&M, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna.

The National Transmission Corporation assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

The National Transmission Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality or defect therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

TRANSCO-South Luzon's other requirements are posted at the DBM Website www.procurementservice.net

(SGD) R.B. VERGARA
Chairman, BAC

(PDI—June 12, 2005)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the following persons are criminally charged with Violation of BP 22 before the Metropolitan Trial Court of Parañaque City, Branch 77, under Criminal Case Nos. 04-1361 to 66:

Edmar M. Romero
No. 26 Lilac St., Pilar Village, Las Piñas City

Edgar S. Magsino
Bacao, Gen. Trias, Cavite

There are standing warrants for the arrest of the above accused. Any information regarding the whereabouts of the said persons may be given to the CISC, Camp Crame, the NBI, the nearest police authorities, or the Lerios-Amboy Mijares Law Offices, Tel. No. **687-2293** for proper enforcement of the warrants of arrest.

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Misamis Occidental
CITY OF OZAMIZ

BAG-ONG OZAMIZNON

Invitation for Bids (Rebidding)

Date: 12 June 2005
Loan No. 1843: Mindanao Basic Urban Services Sector Project
Contract No. 006-04PM - Rehabilitation/ Improvement of Ozamiz City Public Market
Deadline for Bids: 27 July 2005

1. The Land Bank of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Mindanao Basic Urban Services Sector Project. Part of this loan will be used for payments under the Contract named above. Bidding is open to bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.

2. The City Government of Ozamiz ("the Employer") now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following "Works" under the Contract:

   General Requirements; Site Works; Concrete Works; Masonry Works; Metal Works; Wood and Plastic Works; Thermal and Moisture Protection Works; Doors and Windows; Finishing Works; Furnishing; Mechanical Works; Electrical Works; Communication Works; etc.

   (More details and specifications are provided in the Bidding Documents)

   Bidders (partner in charge in case of joint venture) must have experience as contractor, management contractor, or subcontractor, in at least three (3) contracts within the last seven (7) years, each with a value of at least US$1,500.000 that have been successfully or are substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed works. As evidence, the bidder must provide certificate of completion for at least five (5) projects of such nature from concerned client(s).

   Bidders must also have a minimum average annual construction turnover of US$2,000,000 calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last three (3) years. Audited balance sheets or, if not required by the law of the applicant's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Employer, for the last five (5) years to demonstrate the current soundness of the applicants financial position and its prospective long-term profitability shall be submitted.

3. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, bidders should contact:

   The Secretariat
   Bids and Awards Committee
   Attention: ENGR. ROMEO T. CABRERA
   GSO, City Hall, Ozamiz City
   Misamis Occidental, 7200 Philippines
   Tel. No: (+63 88) 5212013/ (+63 88) 5210886
   Fax No: (+63 88) 5214318

4. To purchase the bidding documents in English, eligible bidders should:
   - Write to address above requesting the bidding documents for Contract No: 006-04PM – Rehabilitation/ Improvement of Ozamiz City Public Market
   - Pay a non-refundable fee of Fifteen-Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php15,000.00) by cash to the Office of the City Treasurer, Ozamiz City. The method of payment will be by cash or direct deposit to land Bank of the Philippines Ozamiz City Branch, Account No. 0812101218

5. Deliver your bid
   - To the address above
   - On or before the deadline, 27 July 2005 (Wednesday) @ 12:00 Noon
   - Together with a Bid Security of: Php 2,500,000.00 or its US Dollar Equivalent

Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend

(Sgd.) ENGR. ROMEO T. CABRERA
Chairman, BAC

NOTED:

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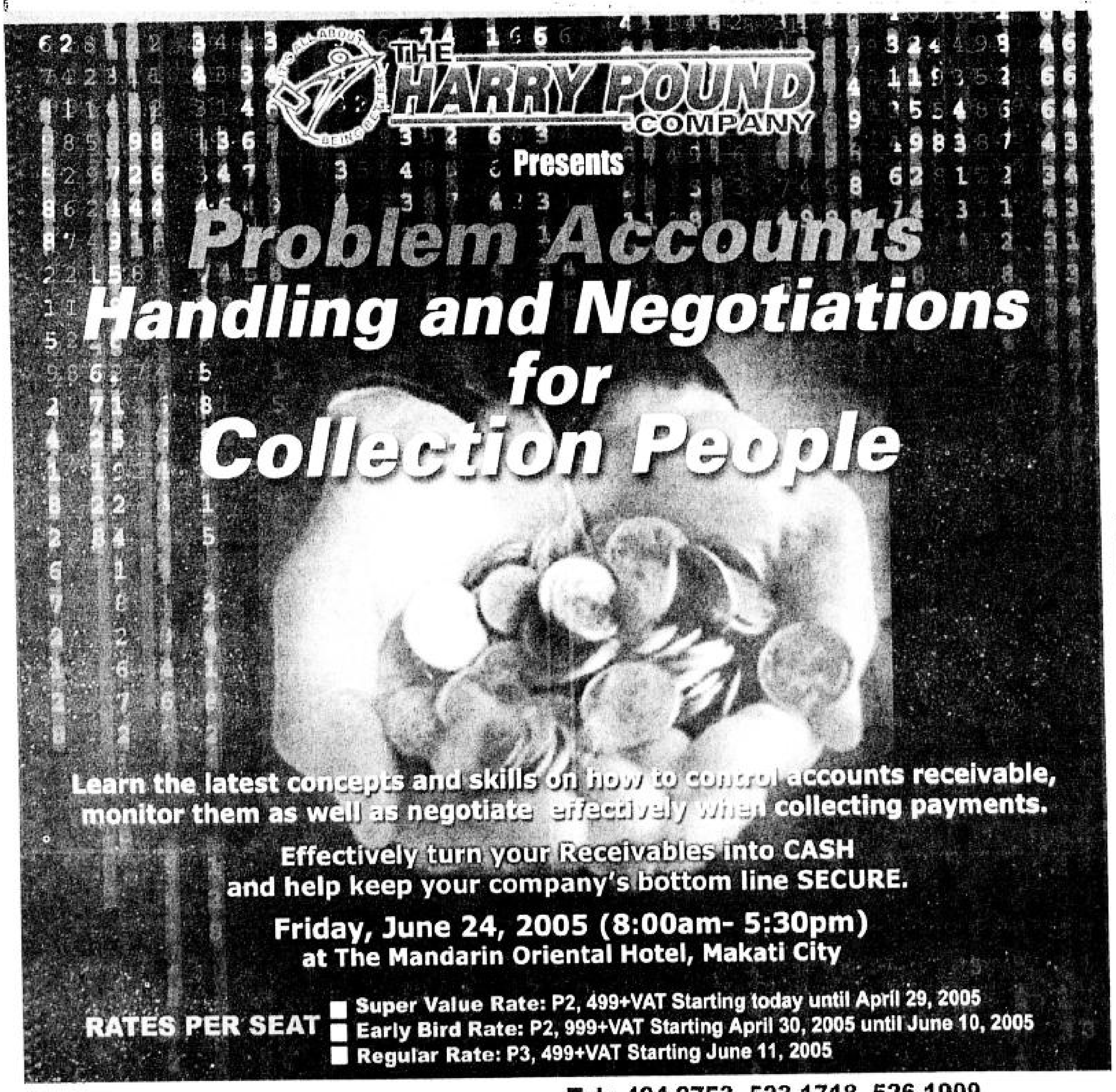

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Manila Dad proposes teaching Mandarin in schools

FORMER Manila Councilor Cesar T. Lucero Jr., proposed the teaching of the Chinese Language in all public and private schools. (Mandarin is the official language)

With the learning of the Chinese Language we jumpstart immediately our link to more than a billion Chinese speaking people all over the world.

Lucero said being a neighbor of the giant Chinese nation we stand to benefit economically. China is now considered as the fastest growing economic country in the world. As it appears world events are moving West to East not only in business and economy but even in culture. Economic experts predicts that China will equal if not surpass the American and Japanese economist within five (5) years at most in ten (10) years.

Lucero added that historically our link to China was even before the Spaniards came. Chinese and others were here already in the Philippines doing business trading.

While others have colonized us like the Spaniards, Americans and the Japanese. The Chinese people have been with us through thick and thin. And there were Chinese who fought with us in our wars.

Lucero opined that modern life has brought to us the reality that our economy is inter-related to the Chinese is the fact that our economic life is practically controlled by the Chinese and we have outstanding Filipino Chinese business tycoons who have contributed to our economic progress providing capital and employment. Filipino Chinese tycoons Lucio Tan, Emilio Yap, Henry Sy, John Gokongwei, Alfonso Yuchengco, Eduardo Cojuangco and Ramon Ang.

Lucero concluded that indeed, we can not ignore or deny our Chinese lineage, when almost 70 percent of our population has Chinese blood flowing in their vein.

The visit of President Hu Jintao further strengthened our fraternity with the Chinese people.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo started the goodwill between the two nations when she made China her first foreign destination after winning new term in the 2004 May election.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bids and Awards Committee – Head Office, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) invites BSP/G-EPS registered companies/contractors and other interested suppliers to a public bidding for one (1) lot 2005 Intel Application Server Consolidation using Blade Technology per BSP specifications, planning, implementation and testing services.

Approved Budget for the Contract: P40,000,000.00

Completion period: Delivery of the units to be supplied shall be within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of P.O. Planning, implementation and testing services shall be completed within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the units.

Bid documents are available from 10 June 2005 to 23 June 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P20,000.00 at the following:

BAC Secretariat
Rm. 212, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building
cor. A. Mabini and P. Ocampo Sr. Sts., Malate, Manila
Tel. No(s). 523-1321

Bidding Date and Time : 6 July 2005 at 10:00 A.M.
Pre-Bid Conference : 27 June 2005 at 2:00 P.M.
Place : Room MR2A, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building, BSP Main Complex, Malate, Manila

Interested bidders shall submit not later than the bidding date and time the following documents in three (3) separate envelopes:

ENVELOPE NO. 1:

1. Articles of Incorporation and Business Registration Papers
2. Y2004 Audited Financial Statements (Income Statement & Balance Sheet)
3. Y2004 Income Tax Return duly stamped/received by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) or its authorized agent bank and Tax Clearance Certificate
4. Valid and current Mayor's Permit/Municipal License
5. Prospective bidder's computation for its Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC) which shall be at least equal to the ABC, duly signed by the authorized signing official and supported with pertinent documents, i.e., financial statements and copies of on-going project contracts; or a commitment from a licensed bank to extend a credit line if awarded the contract to be bid, or a certification from the Bank stating that the bidder has a cash deposit with a holding period of at least one (1) month from date of bidding. The commitment or cash deposit certificate shall be in an amount not lower than 10% of the ABC. The NFCC shall be computed as follows: NFCC = [(Current assets – Current liabilities) (K)] minus value of all outstanding projects: K = 10
6. Sworn statement that the prospective bidder is not blacklisted from bidding in any Government Office, Agency, Corporation
7. Letter authorizing the BAC or its duly authorized representative to verify any or all of the documents submitted for eligibility check
8. Sworn certification by the prospective bidder or his authorized representative that each of the documents submitted is an original copy or a true and faithful reproduction or copy of the original
9. Affidavit of the prospective bidder that he or she or any officer of their corporation is not related to the Head of the Procuring Entity by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree.
10. Current and valid distributorship/dealership contract with the manufacturer and/or local distributor of the item(s) to be supplied, and
11. List of reputable local reference site(s) of successful similar project(s); list(s) to include names and contact number(s) of authorized person(s) of reference site(s); (site visit to be arranged by the prospective bidder for BSP upon request).

ENVELOPE NO. 2:

1. Instructions to Bidders
2. Duly accomplished Certification/Undertaking
3. Original Bid Security
4. BSP issued Hardware/Software specifications (should be initiated by authorized signing official)
5. Product information of the offer containing the following:
   a. Brand and model of the unit(s) to be offered
   b. Part number
   c. Product/operation data and manufacturer's installation instructions and other information necessary for evaluation purposes
   d. Software Information Sheet
6. Warranty certificate of at least twelve (12) months warranty for parts and labor to commence after BSP's issuance of the Certificate of Acceptance of the lot
7. BSP supplied Service Level Agreement duly signed by the authorized signing official
8. BSP supplied Evaluation Procedure duly signed by the authorized signing official and technical representative
9. BSP supplied Evaluation Sheet to be accomplished by the Technical Representative and countersigned by the authorized signing official; and
10. Certificate of quality assurance from the product manufacturer (e.g., ISO, BVI, UL, FCC Class B and other reputable standard issuing authority).
11. Sworn statement that the prospective bidder shall provide BSP with at least two (2) specialists who will be involved in the implementation of BSP's Blade Server setup. They must have extensive experience in Blade Technology supported by their resumes and project involvement.
12. Sworn certification that the prospective bidder shall undertake the setting-up and configuration of all hardware and software, testing, troubleshooting and other services contained in Annex H of the BSP-issued specifications.

ENVELOPE 3:

Price Proposal with attached cost breakdown

All envelopes shall be dropped in the bid box located at Room MR2A, 5-Storey Building BSP Main Complex. **LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The BSP assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

The BSP reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals or declare the bidding a failure, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) JUAN DE ZUÑIGA, JR.
Chairman

(PDI–June 12, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
SENATE
Pasay City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Senate of the Philippines invites all G-EPS registered bidders/suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following:

1. Project : **VARIOUS FURNITURE REQUIREMENTS (CUSTOM-BUILT)**
2. Approved Budget : Php.1,700,000.00
3. Location : Senate of the Philippines
4. Pre-bidding Conf. : June 15, 2005, 10:00 AM
5. Date of Delivery : July 29, 2005

The bid documents shall be available to interested bidders/suppliers at the BAC Secretariat Office, 4/F Senate of the Philippines, GSIS Building, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City starting June 13, 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of P200.00. Also, bid bulletins on the schedules of opening of bids and other information will be sent through fax.

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation, and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of R.A. 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act.

This Invitation is also advertised with the Government Electronic Procurement System (G-EPS) at www.procurementservice.org

For more information please call the BAC Secretariat Office at telefax no. 552-6601 local 1602 (c/o Rose de Castro or Jo Costo).

THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVIEW ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, WAIVE ANY DEFECTS CONTAINED THEREIN AND ACCEPT THE OFFER MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE RIGHT TO CONFISCATE THE BID BOND AND/OR PURSUE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION SHOULD THE WINNING BIDDER REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE AWARD.

FURTHER, THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION WHATSOEVER TO COMPENSATE OR INDEMNIFY THE BIDDER FOR ANY EXPENSE OR LOSS THAT THEY MAY INCUR IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS UNDERTAKING NOR DOES IT GUARANTEE THAT AN AWARD WILL BE MADE.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. ARNEL JOSE S. BAÑAS**
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI–June 11 & 12, 2005)

Australian Government
AusAID

Invitation to Submit Expression of Interest

AusAID, the Australian Agency for International Development, manages the Australian Government's official overseas aid program. AusAID advances Australia's national interest by assisting developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development. AusAID is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from contracting organisations interested in managing the following development project in the Philippines.

Land Administration and Management Project Phase II (LAMP II)

AusAID is proposing to implement Phase II of the Land Administration and Management Project (LAMP II) in parallel with a World Bank loan. The project will build on the achievements of Phase I and further improve land administration services through policy, legal and institutional changes, increased land tenure security and improved property and land valuation systems.

The LAMP II project aims to reform the land administration system so that it contributes to the Philippines'socio-economic development. The purpose of the project is to accelerate the process of land administration reform and apply the lessons of LAMP I in selected regions, provinces and municipalities to support the progressive expansion of tenure security and the adoption of improved valuation standards and procedures through sustainable partnership agreements. Planned outcomes are (i) policy and legislative changes to underpin the reform are pursued and established by Philippines Government; (ii) land tenure security is increased through accelerated land adjudication in 3-5 provinces; (iii) the performance of government and private sectors in property appraisal (valuation) is improved; and (iv) Land Administration and Management capacities and competencies of government and academic institutions, and the private sector, are enhanced.

It is anticipated that the project will commence about December 2005 and will continue over five years.

Selection will be on a two-step basis. The closing date for submission of EOI is 2.00pm (Canberra Time) on **8 July** 2005.

An information kit containing details of the Invitation to Submit Expressions of Interest is available on the AusAID internet site http://www.ausaid.gov.au/business/tenders/index.cfm. Enquiries about the tender and contract procedures must be made in writing to Mark Skinner, Asia Contracts Section, AusAID, GPO Box 887, Canberra ACT 2601, facsimile (02) 62064877, phone (02) 62064932 e-mail: mark_skinner@ausaid.gov.au

Eligibility Criteria:

AusAID has adopted an in-principle policy of allowing recipient country firms to participate in tenders for implementation services contracts under the Australian bilateral technical assistance aid program in their recipient country.

For the purposes of this policy, a recipient country firm means an organisation carrying on business in the recipient country in accordance with the company incorporation and business registration laws, and any other relevant laws, of the recipient country.

Implementation services contracts under Australia's bilateral technical assistance program to the Philippines are therefore open to organisations carrying on business in Australia or New Zealand, and organisations carrying on business in the Philippines. Full details on the eligibility criteria for AusAID contracts is available on the internet at: http://www.ausaid.gov.au/business/contracting/eligibility.cfm

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Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD

100 PALAYAN

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 778
Series of 2005

FURTHER AMENDING THE FOURTH (4th) PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 4 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN SEC. 18 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7929

WHEREAS, Section 18 of Republic Act No. 7929 seeks to encourage the participation of the private sector in the production of socialized housing units for the masses of our people.

WHEREAS, in line with said provision, Section 4 of the Rules and Regulations to govern Section 18 of Republic Act No. 7929, as amended by Board Resolution No. 553, series of 1994, allows, under certain conditions, a private subdivision developer to locate its social housing compliance "in any city or municipality within the same region or in any city or municipality within the regions adjacent to it" subject to the conditions provided therein;

WHEREAS, housing developers are finding it difficult to find suitable and affordable lands within the adjacent regions where the main subdivision project is located.

WHEREAS, to give the private sector a broader opportunity to provide socialized housing for our people, there is need to widen the areas where a socialized housing project may be situated;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to amend the fourth paragraph of Section 4 of the Rules and Regulations to govern Section 18 of Republic Act No. 7929 as follows:

"Locating the twenty percent (20%) socialized housing project in the same city or municipality as the main project shall be deemed not feasible if the developer can prove that one of the following factors can not be met, and, therefore, may be located in any city or municipality within the same [region or in any city or municipality within the regions adjacent to it] ISLAND GROUP, I.E. LUZON, VISAYAS, MINDANAO."

APPROVED this 19th day of May 2005, Makati City

THE HONORABLE NOLI L. DE CASTRO
Vice President of the Philippines & HUDCC Chairman

RAMON J. LIWAG
Undersecretary, DOJ
Ex-Officio Commissioner

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Attested By:

CHARITO B. LANSANG
Board Secretary

(PDI–June 12, 2005)

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Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid

Republic of the Philippines

Construction of the Registry of Deeds Building of Guiguinto, Bulacan

The Land Registration Authority (LRA), through the Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) No. C-04-04816 dated December 15, 2004, intends to apply the sum of **PESOS: SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (P6,500,000.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Construction of the Registry of Deeds Building of Guiguinto, Bulacan. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The LRA now invites potential Bidders to apply for eligibility for the Construction of the Registry of Deeds Building of Guiguinto, Bulacan. Bidders should possess a valid PCAB license applicable to the above type and cost of the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and meet the other minimum eligibility requirements stated in the eligibility forms. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a "pass/fail" basis. The deadline for submission of eligibility documents shall be on or before July 8, 2005. Only those Bidders passing the eligibility check will be entitled to purchase the Bidding Document. Completion of the works is within One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted unless otherwise stated to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines in accordance with IRR Part A of R.A. 9184, only. Bids from Bidders who pass an eligibility check will be opened. The Bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine its responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during post-qualification.

Interested Bidders shall secure the Eligibility documents from the BAC Secretariat at the address stated below, on or before June 27-29, 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Hundred (P500.00) Pesos. They shall submit the accomplished Eligibility documents, in order for these to be received by the BAC Secretariat in the same address, on or before July 8, 2005

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Land Registration Authority and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. July 18-20, 2005

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by the Bidders that passed the eligibility check upon the presentation of the Notice of Eligibility to the BAC Secretariat, at the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of PESOS: THREE THOUSAND (P3,000.00). The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative on or before July 18-20, 2005.

The LRA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all Eligible Bidders on July 22, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the LRA Multi-Purpose Hall, 5/F LRA Building, East Avenue corner NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

Eligible Bidders must submit their Bids at the above address on August 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form and amount indicated in the Bidding Documents. Late bids shall not be accepted. Bid opening shall be on August 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the above address

LRA reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) **RONALD A. ORTILE**
Chairman
LRA Bids and Awards Committee on Infrastructure
5/F LRA Building
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Telefax No. 9244733

(PDI - June 12 & 26, 2005)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB NO.: 04-24-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder:

Name of Project	One (1) Lot Janitorial Service for the following areas: a) PAGCOR Corporate Office b) Imus Warehouse c) Kamuning Public Toilet Required Personnel: 62 Janitors
Approved Budget	Ten Million Nine Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy and 88/100 (P 10,973,270.88)
Source of Fund	Internally Funded

Only contractors duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered contractors must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance from **June 13, 2005** to **July 4, 2005** at the BAC Secretariat-Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of *Five Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six & 65/100 Pesos (Php 5,486.65)*. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretariat.

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
Pre-Bid Conference	June 22, 2005 (10am)
Submission of Bids	July 5, 2005 (2pm)
Opening of Bids	July 5, 2005 (2pm onwards)

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

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Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd.) **RENE C. FIGUEROA**
Chairperson, BAC 1

(PDI–June 12 & 19, 2005)

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Bid documents can be obtained from the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat at the Ground Floor, Administration Building, LRTA Compound, Aurora Blvd., Pasay City, during regular office hours from June 15-20, 2005.

Site inspection will be held in the morning of June 16-17, 2005 Thursday and Friday at 10:30 A.M. For the purpose of clarifying issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on June 20, 2005.

Sealed bids shall be received by the BAC Secretariat not later than June 22, 2005, 10:30 A.M. and shall then be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid deposit in form of cash or manager's check in the minimum amount of 10% of the total bid price. All communications shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Bids and Awards Committee.

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(Sgd.) **LT COL CESAR B. CHAVEZ (GSC) MNSA**
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(PDI – June 12, 2005)

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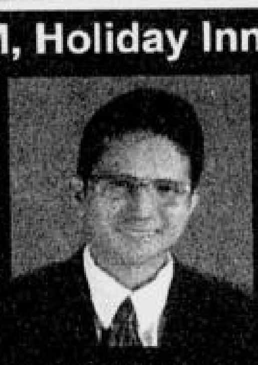

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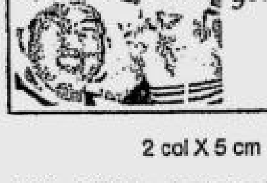

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Elder Li Tong Pek

December 20, 1921 - June 6, 2005

His body lies in state at the National Memorial Chapel
141-26 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11354.

A memorial service was held last Friday, June 10, 2005, 7:00 p.m. and funeral was held yesterday, June 11, 2005, 9:30 a.m.

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WILFRIDO GALANG DAYRIT

Peacefully joined our Lord
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His children, **Tinie**, **Arthur**, **Jopin**, **Edwin** and **Rosie**; daughters-in-law **Lu** and **Armi**; son-in-law **Delfin** and grandchildren **Anthony**, **Wilfred**, **Jenny** and **Jodel** request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence at 745 Consunji St., San Fernando, Pampanga. Interment will be on Wednesday, June 15, 2005 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Good Shepherd Memorial Park Chapel, San Fernando, Pampanga.

ELEUTERIO B. TRIAS, M.D.

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Peacefully joined his Creator
on June 10, 2005 at the age of 79.

His loving wife **Lita**; children **Freddie & Arline**, **Irene & Bobbit** (†), **Bebot & Abet**, **Boy & Baby**, **Jun**, **Joey & Beth**, **Em & Ivy**, **Apol**; grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park), Sucat, Parañaque City.

Cremation will be on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at the Manila Memorial Park Crematorium.

"Your presence will be deeply missed
but the memories of your goodness will live with us
and remain in our hearts forever."
wife, children & grandchildren

Victorina "Nena" Quedado Rondaris

Peacefully joined her Creator on June 9, 2005 at the age of 91.

Her beloved husband **Santiago** (†); children **Virginia** and **Reynaldo** and **Virgilio, Sr.** and **Maria Luisa**; grandchildren **Vernon Gerard**, **Vivian Charity** and **Augusto Cesar**, **Vevey Rosario**, **Maria Victoria** and **Juan**, **Vincent** and **Gwendolen**, and **Virgilio, Jr.** and **Myra**; great grandchildren **Veronica**, **Carmela Ysabel**, **Vincent Matthew**, **Vyana Marie**, and **Jessica Marie**; siblings **Eustaquia**, **Benjamin** (†) and **Felicidad** (†); relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at St. James Hospital Chapel Vigan City, Ilocos Sur.

Interment will be on June 14, 2005, Tuesday, after the 9:00 AM Mass at the Vigan Cathedral.

CARD OF THANKS

The bereaved children, brother and sister, in-laws, grandchildren and relatives of the late

PAZ "PACING" LACSON-MANGUBAT BRION

who died peacefully with the grace of our Lord
on May 26, 2005

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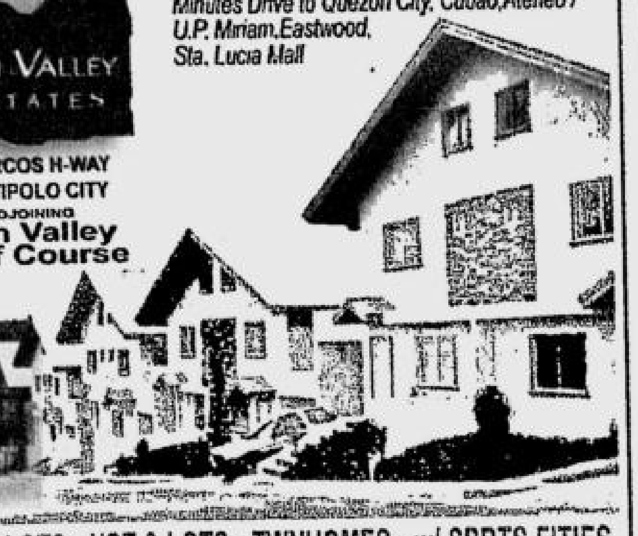

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(PDI-June 12, 19 & 26, 2005)

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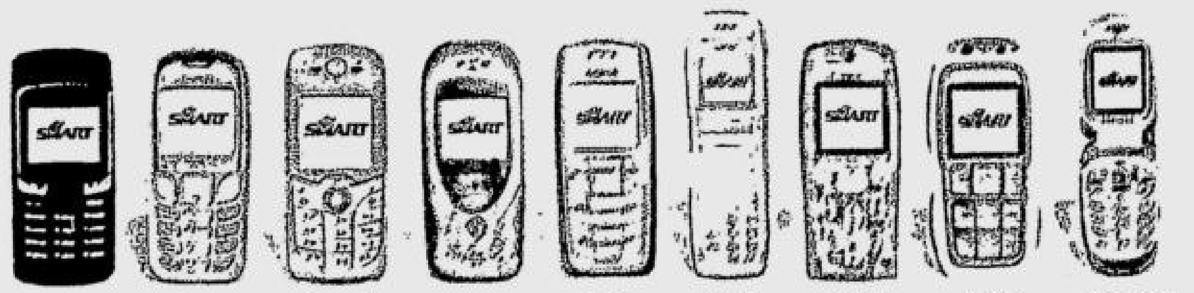

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Philamlife scholar education payouts reach over P1 billion

PHILAMLIFE, the country's No. 1 life insurance company, disclosed that it had paid out over P1 billion in scholar education benefits from the year 2000 to the present. Total payments to Philamlife scholars from 2000-2005 will reach P1.019 billion when this year's first batch of benefits are released to policyholders. Another tranche of benefits are still scheduled for release in October 2005.

Philamlife announced earlier that P165 million of scholar benefits will be released starting May 2 through its network of 100 branch offices nationwide.

Philamlife education benefits are intended for the tuition and other enrollment expenses of the scholars covered by Philamlife's various education insurance products, mainly Scholar Gold Prime and Advantage, dollar-denominated International Scholar and other Scholar Gold products. The timely release of these benefits will allow parents to enroll their children for school year 2005-06.

Philamlife launched its first education insurance product, called "Philamlife Scholar" in December 1985. Since then, it has continuously enhanced its products to meet the changing needs of the market. Scholar Plus was launched in 1990 and featured a short 5-year paying period. Scholar Gold followed in 1993 with improved features and benefits. International Scholar, the company's first dollar-denominated education product, was launched in 2001. Philamlife actually started paying-out education benefits to its Scholars as far back as May 1992.

Philamlife education products are "fixed-value" in nature, unlike most pre-need educational products that belong to the so-called "traditional or open-ended" plans. Open-ended plans are plans that promise to pay for the education of a child when he steps into college, regardless of how much the tuition fees are at that time. Since tuition fees have increased by more than 800 percent since 1987 (mainly due to de-regulation in the 1990s), companies selling traditional or open-ended plans have seen their trust funds depleted. This has led to problems in meeting these companies' commitments to their planholders.

Philamlife only sells "fixed-value" education products. These products peg the promised payment to a specific pre-computed amount, and are thus more viable and easily managed. With fixed-value plans, a company knows exactly how much its obligations will be at a certain point in time, and can thus manage its trust funds more effectively.

Philamlife is the leading and most diversified life insurance company in the country. Its comprehensive range of life insurance products answers the various financial needs of its customers at different points in their life, e.g., education, protection, health and retirement. Philamlife insurance policies help Filipino families enjoy a secure and prosperous financial future.

Scholar recipients will be notified through the local branch where they can claim their checks. Philamlife Agents can also assist policy owners in getting these benefits.

For any other questions or inquiries, contact Philam Phone at +63(2) 528-2000.

1ST MANILA MOTOR SHOW
Worldbex Services International (WSI) pioneers again with the 1st Manila Motor Show which ran from April 28 to 30, at the World Trade Center. This inaugural show features a showcase of current and future models, classics and concept cars of 21 prime brands as well as recipients of 'Car of the Year' awards. Photo shows (from left) Levi Ang, WSI co-founder; Joseph Ang, WSI founding chair; Elizabeth Lee, president, Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines; Maria Elena Bautista, Chair, Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB); Emmanuel Sison, Secretary of the Manila Mayor; and Louie Dy-Buncio, president, Truck Manufacturers' Association.

SAINT ANDREW'S SCHOOL BATCH 1978 GIVES TRIBUTE TO THEIR TEACHERS
Saint Andrew's School Batch 1978 gave tribute to their high-school teachers last April 16, 2005 at Cafe de Palanyag in Paranque City. The affair was organized by Nonoy Sornillo and Oton Santago and sponsored by Dr. Richard Mecua of USA. Shown in photo are (from left, standing) Romeo Raqueno, Pacoy San Miguel, Knold Sayaman, Elmer Mercado, Resty Leonardo, Buboy Samson, Glenn Gooco, Dante Garces, Boyet Lunas, Gigi Aragon,Roy Risos, Ned Elarmo, Robert Dela Pena, Noel Cale, (seating) Nonoy, Romeo Chan, Mr. Magcamit, Mrs. Rodriguez, former principal, Ms. Pompa, Mrs. Santos, Mrs. Miranda, Mr.Marcelo, Cyril Librada, Digo Inciong, Ed Littaua, Jun Gorgonia, Oton,Jerih Salazar, Richard Relucio, Gary Bautista and Dr. Eric Batalla. Small token were given to the teachers courtesy of Rey Villarubin and Toots Acain.

New York Life Insurance celebrates 160th anniversary

NEW York Life Insurance Company, America's largest mutual life insurance company, achieved a new record in net income of $1.29 billion in 2004, an increase of 16 percent over the prior year's $1.12 billion. Surplus and Asset Valuation Reserve grew to $11.8 billion, the largest surplus of any mutual life insurer.

Sy Sternberg, chair and chief executive officer, said, "As New York Life marks 160 years of service to policyholders, the company's performance was remarkable in the year just passed. Adjusted operating earnings topped $1 billion for the first time, and net income achieved a historic high. Strong performances from the business lines also led to a new record in adjusted operating revenue, crossing $10 billion for the first time. Records including total life insurance sales, agent-sold life insurance, investment sales, and assets under management were also set. Surplus reached a new high, boosted by organic growth of $1 billion, reinforcing for policyholders our reputation for safety and security. These achievements are the result of our strategy to stay focused on life insurance, maintain our career agency system, remain a mutual and expand globally."

The company's local subsidiary New York Life Insurance (Philippines) Inc likewise posted remarkable growth as it increased its market share to P273 million in Annualized First Year Premiums (AFYP) in 2004, indicating a 44 percent growth over their 2003 AFYP of P189 million.

On its 4th full year of operations, New York Life Insurance (Philippines) Inc has managed to sustain its growth from 2001 when it posted P14 million AFYP; then leaping to P106 million AFYP or a 657 percent growth in 2002; and P189 million AFYP or a 78 percent growth in the year 2003. As a result, New York Life Insurance (Philippines) Inc ranked 11th in the local life insurance industry in 2003 (in terms of AFYP-ordinary life) and is now anticipating its entry into the top ten as 2004 results come in.

Determined to further strengthen its position in the market, New York Life Insurance (Philippines) Inc is set to launch in April 2005 a competitive new variable product, denominated in both peso and dollars. The variable product is a non-traditional life insurance product, which enables the policyholders to participate in the investment performance of the policyholders' funds while having the advantage of a flexible life insurance coverage that will match their specific needs.

BPI COMPLETES P8.6B NPL SALE TO MORGAN STANLEY UNIT
The Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) closed its P8.6 billion NPL sale to Philippine Asset Investment (SPV-AMC) Inc, an affiliate of Morgan Stanley Emerging Markets Inc (MSEMI). The Sale and Purchase Agreement, which was signed on July 21, 2004, was the first major transaction entered into by a Philippine universal bank and a major international financial institution under the SPV Act of 2002. The final closure was made possible because of BPI's aggressive loan provisioning policy and MSEMI's positive outlook for the Philippines. This landmark deal has demonstrated once again BPI's unique pioneering role in the local financial market. Photo shows (from left) BPI senior vice president Oscar Molinyawe, BPI executive vice president Gil Buenaventura, lawyer Virginia Viray of Philippine Asset Management (SPV-AMC Inc) and BPI senior vice president Senen Matoto.

20th Annual Parangal ng Bayan
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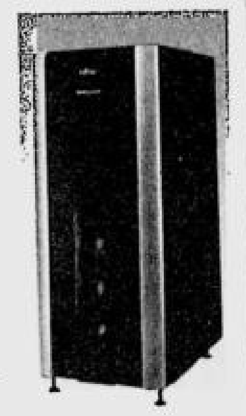
COCCOPLANS IS PARANGAL NG BAYAN AWARDEE FOR EXCELLENCE
The Parangal ng Bayan Foundation recently awarded Cocoplans as the Most Outstanding Pre-Need Company Award in the 20th Annual National Consumers Excellence Awards held at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza. The award recognized Cocoplans' outstanding corporate performance, service excellence, and contribution to national and economic progress despite the industry's dwindling market perception. The award was received by: (from left) Cocoplans regional head for Northwest Luzon Leonardo Manalo, Supreme Court Associate Justice Cancio Garcia, Cocoplans managing director lawyer Alfredo C. Tumacder, Cocoplans president Caesar T. Michelena, Parangal ng Bayan overall chair Vickie Dizon, Cocoplans regional head for Metro Manila Operations (MMO1) Levy Michelena and Cocoplans regional head for MMO III Alex Flores.

Product FILES

Fujitsu unveils Primequest



LEADING regional IT and communications solutions provider Fujitsu Philippines Inc unveiled the Primequest range of servers for Itanium-based systems running Linux and Windows Server 2003 platforms. Based on the Intel Itanium 2 processor, the Primequest server line combines high system scalability with data centre-class fault immunity, thus offering enterprises the flexibility of industry-standard solutions without compromising business continuity. Ideal for business operations that require high availability, robust performance, enhanced flexibility and optimum resource usage, the Primequest server line can be deployed in large-scale database systems, online transaction processing environments and other mission-critical enterprise applications. The Primequest server line is available from end of June 2005. Visit http://ph.fujitsu.com for more details.

Nestlé Ice Cream Nuggets

NESTLÉ Ice Cream breaks the norm once again as they launch another innovation in their already exciting range of frozen goodies, the Nestlé Ice Cream Nuggets. It comes in a tub with 20 delicious vanilla ice cream cubes coated with chocolate and sesame seeds that the whole family can enjoy anytime, anywhere. Nestlé Ice Cream Nuggets is available in major groceries and supermarkets nationwide.

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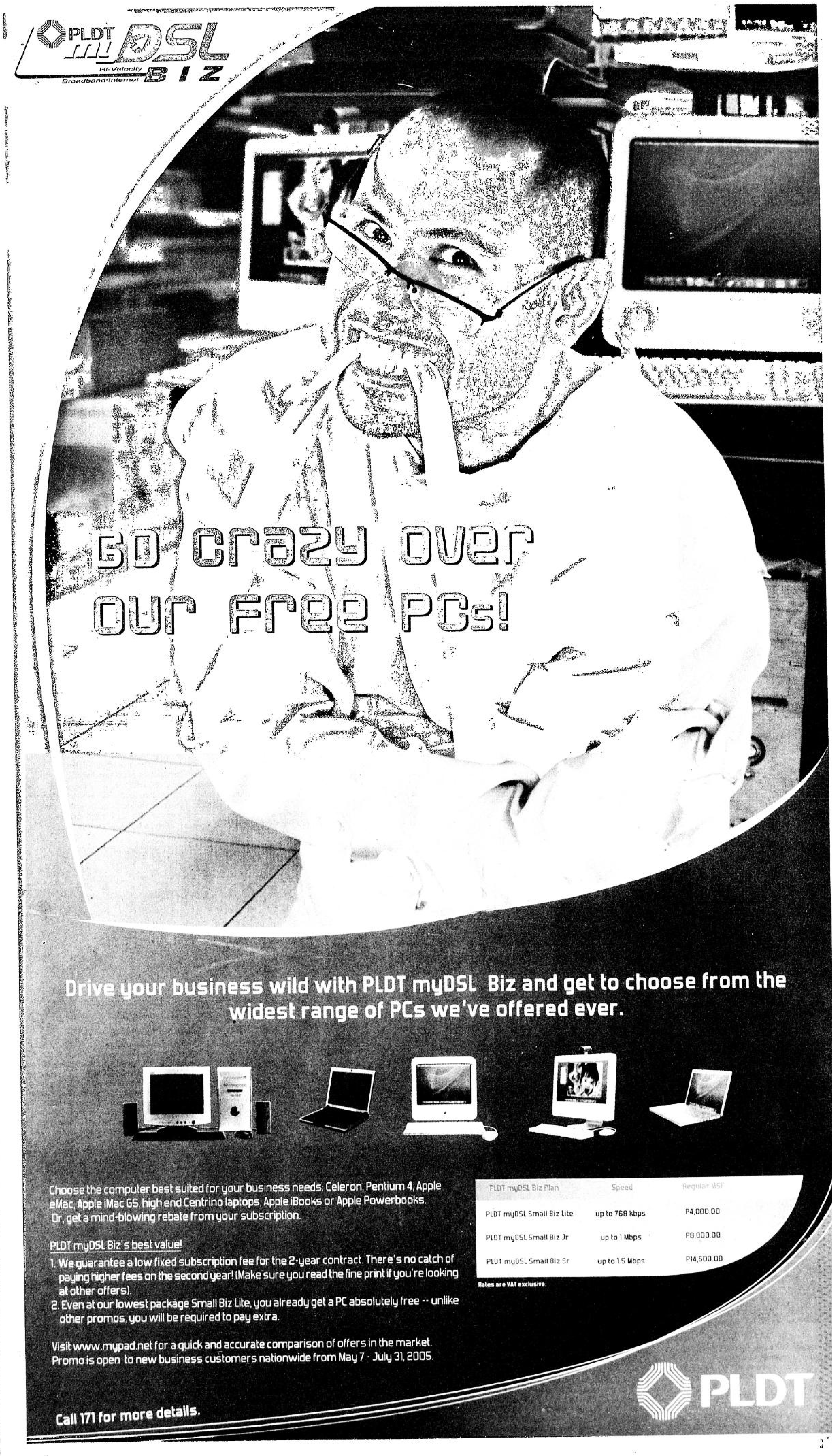
KIDS' DAY, FUN DAY AT LI'L HANDS CLUB
Li'l Hands Club had its kick-off activity for its members - a multi-hued Fun Day on March 5, at the Insular Life Building in Makati City. With color as theme, creativity workshops, storytelling, mascot appearances, and games among other activities were prepared for about 150 Li'l hands club members, existing and new, who participated. Free workshops namely Mongol/Lotus Colors of Anime by Charina Sta. Maria, Li'l Hands Colorful Kiddie Fan by Maybelle Soriano, and Crayola Colorful Necklace for your Tot by Geraldine Laygo were conducted for the kiddie guests aged 10 and up, 7 to 9, and 4 to 6 respectively. During the Fun Day, the kids (and the kids-at-heart who accompanied them) eagerly waited for the Awarding Ceremonies. Hanna Rona Mae Asuncion, AJ Axalan, Leianne Bernardo, Maia Boncan, Christian Allen Dayao, Ezra Fuentes, Gabriel Garcia, Mark David Meneses, and Candice Severino were presented with Certificate of Recognition and special gifts for excelling in the workshops. To avail of free entrance to the next Fun Day or any Li'l Hands events, join the Li'l Hands Club now. Get a membership ID, newsletter subscription, discount on product purchase, and other perks when you become part of this community of young and budding artists. With their loot bags in tow, the guest left with wide grins on their faces-a sure hint that this summer is the best one so far, thanks to life and Josiah's Catering. For more details on membership application, event schedule, or product updates, call 568-5868 or 841-1515 or email club@lilhands.com.

MetTATHIONE whitens skin inside out

WHITE Beauty Philippines Co recently launched its flagship product, MetTATHIONE, in a special event at Patio Ibarra in Quezon City. Lorelie Espiritu and Vanessa Patillas, owners of White Beauty Phils. Co. said their new product promises to make a marked difference in the health and beauty of those who use it. Unlike other L-glutathione brands out in the market, MetTATHIONE underwent extensive laboratory analysis and is formulated in Japan. MetTATHIONE is a BFAD approved product. MeTATHIONE is a potent anti-oxidant that gives numerous health benefits such as boosting the immune system and getting rid of toxins in the body. In certain doses, MetTATHIONE has the effect of lightening skin color and minimizing skin pigmentation. It is due to this antioxidant/whitening pill combined effect that beauty conscious individuals consider MetTATHIONE an integral part of their routine. It essentially whitens the skin insides out. MetatTHIONE is available at all Watson's outlets nationwide.



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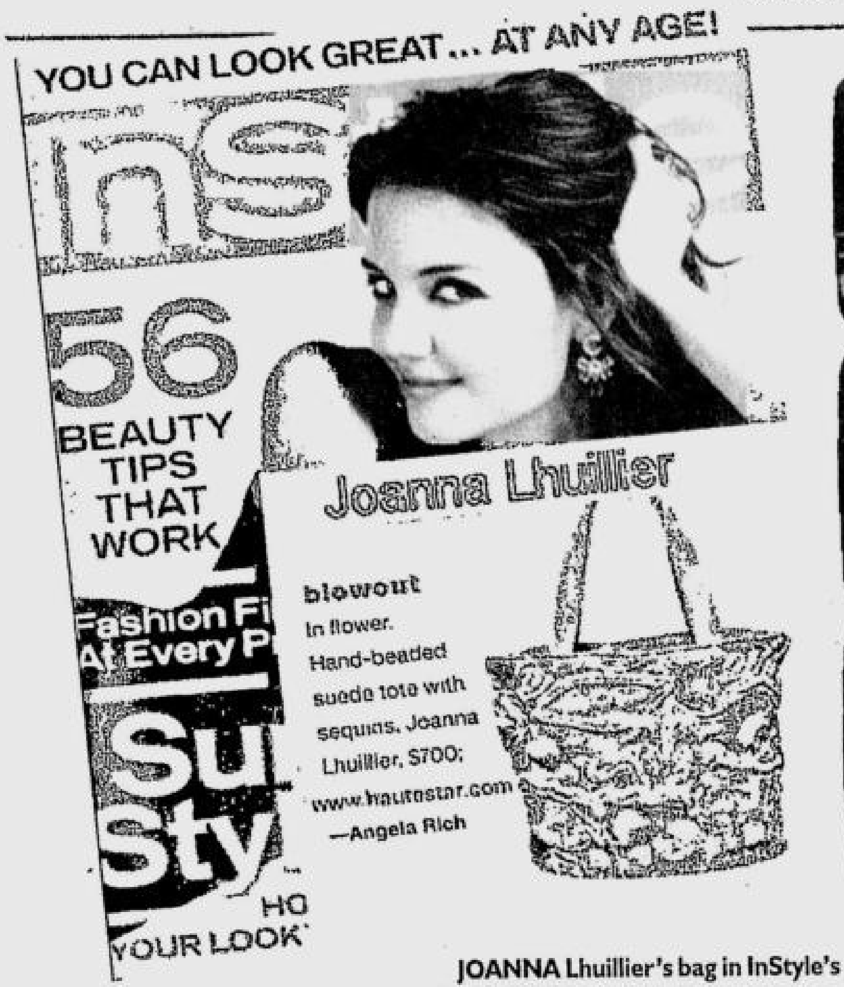
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JOANNA Lhuillier's bag in InStyle's June 2005 issue WWW.JMLHUILLIER.COM

IS TOM Cruise crazy or really just in love? On "Oprah" (above), Cruise is uncharacteristically effusive.

ROYAL clothes—Princess Marie Chantal designs children's clothes.

Another Lhuillier makes it to US glossy

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TRENDS & TRENDINGS
Anton San Diego

HOT BREAKING NEWS—A party befitting a legend. After the Ferragamo fashion show, another stellar luxury brand is set to take Manila by storm.

Luxury brand Piaget is staging a party which will surely be the talk of the town, with no less than the chair himself, **Yves G. Piaget**, in attendance.

Piaget represents the fourth generation of an illustrious line and has brought the company to new heights with his creativity, innovations and style. The last time he was here was in November 2002, when they launched Piaget Polo, a collection of watches. This time around, they are not only launching a particular accessory but the whole collection, which includes high jewelry and high complication watches.

The party will be patterned after the 130th anniversary of Piaget which was held in Palais Brongniart, Place de la Bourse in Paris. The exact same setup in that event will be specially flown here, with the theme being "box of lights." I have seen the photos and from what I have seen, it is nothing but spectacular. The exclusive event will be held at the Makati Shangri-La's Rizal Ballroom at 6:30 p.m. on June 29.

Got an invite? You have to be there!

Must-have baby wear from Marie Chantal. You probably know her as one of the best-dressed women in the world who married a prince. In the '90s, she was part of the triumvirate of international "it" girls and style icons made up of her sisters (**Alex Von Fusrtenberg** and **Pia Getty**).

Today, **Marie Chantal**, Crown Princess Pavlos of Greece, is the founder of Marie Chantal, the most coveted dress line for infants and kids. The line offers both boys' and girls' clothing from newborn to age 12. Her clients include **Elle Macpherson**, **Caroline** of Monaco and **Reese Witherspoon**, just to name a few. Her boutiques are located in New York and London and will soon be available online.

The season's hottest bag. This year's hottest bags all come in varying shapes, sizes and forms—from slouch to oversize, bohemian-inspired to studded with pockets. In the market, the most in-demand are Dior's Detective bag, Gucci's studded flap bag and Balenciaga's Classic bag.

But the one that strikes my fancy the most is the Louis Vuitton denim monogram bag. The LV bag comes in natural leather and alligator trim, and like everything that is highly coveted, there is a waiting list, which makes it even more special.

Some things to talk about. Vitamin E supplements, according to Esquire magazine (June 2005) should not be taken because recent studies have proven that they actually raise the risk of heart fail-

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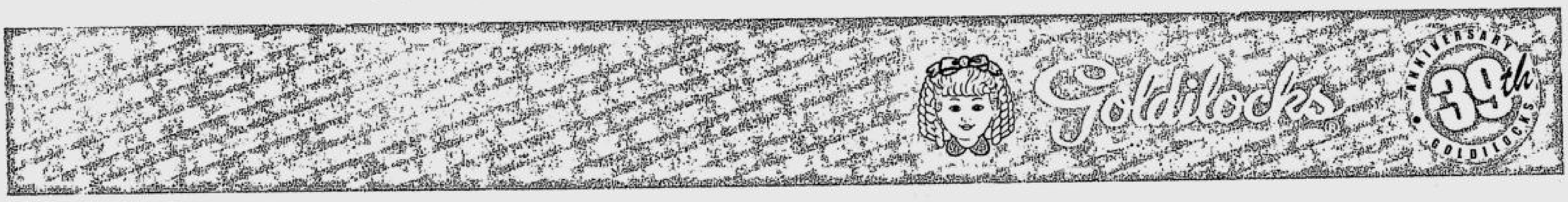
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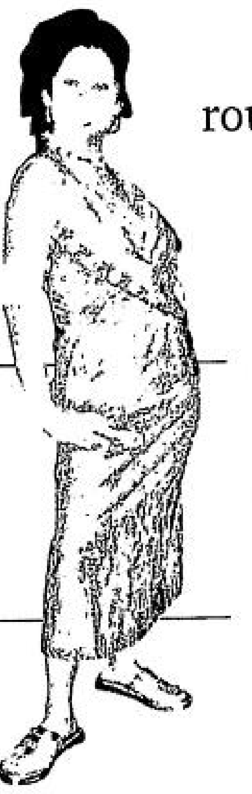
Back in circulation—soon!

> I am raring to get back to my active routine of swimming, golf, scuba diving, belly dancing, Flamenco and yoga. But for now, it's breastfeeding time



TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

THE BODY is such a resilient, dynamic machine. It is truly amazing how a broken bone can heal over time.

For example, restoring the body back to health from a caesarean operation can take just weeks. Even at the mature (I refuse to call myself old) age of 41, with the healing process slightly longer, I am raring to get back to my active routine of swimming, golf, scuba diving, belly dancing, Flamenco and yoga.

Meanwhile, all that will have to wait for my milking sessions to be over when my baby is several months old. I must admit, when I hear the line "breast milk is best for babies up to 2 years old," I think the authors must have been men who just didn't understand the difficulties a mother has in breastfeeding.

Two years of breastfeeding seem incredible, when I am just hoping to survive at least two months. I am so astonished with mothers like "Sports Unlimited"'s **Dyan Castillejo**, who still manages to nurse her energetic 3-year-old boy. Now that is more difficult than climbing Mt. Apo and all the other sports activities she does in her show. On the other hand, if I can have her muscle-toned figure, I might just be convinced to breastfeed that long.

Another main concern now is to remove or at least diminish those awful stretch marks I have, thanks to my four children. While my CS' bikini-cut slice, skillfully stitched by my OB, Dr. **Nabie Aherrerra**, is unnoticeable, wearing a two-piece swimsuit is still embarrassing. But thanks to my PR friend, **Annie Ringor**, who sent me Clarins products, I can treat my stretch marks and also my stubborn cellulite, skin blemishes and on and on.

Role reversal

Lately, my workaholic husband **Dennis** and I have reversed roles—not in the sense that I get up early and join the work force, but that he has been attending some social affairs on my behalf.

Recently, at the launch of Black Code, the new men's fragrance of Giorgio Armani at Mezze Restaurant, Dennis thought he was arriving fashionably late for the cocktails. To his surprise, he was the first guest and knew he was once again unfashionably early for the event.

To stall time, he decided to check out the wonderful world of the posh Greenbelt shops, another activity I miss tremendously. With Bottega Veneta on 30-percent off, he bought a clutch bag to help store his wallet, phones and all the gadgets he carries. I think he is slowly turning into his dad, but with more hair at least.

After the mini-shopping spree, Dennis finally returned to a fuller launch and joined Metro Society's **Philip Cu-Unjieng** in trying out the new, fresh scent of Black Code. They concluded that this fragrance, with its musky undertones, must be the Le Brut of their dad's time or the Jovan Musk Oil of their high school days.

Intimate dinner

So as not to miss out on too many birthday parties of dear friends, I asked creative wiz **Anton Barretto**'s dinner venue to be moved to my house. The intimate table setting for 12 was set up by **Marissa Lopa** and **Judith Berenguer-Testa**. A neo-Japanese setup was arranged with fresh white flowers and lacquer oriental bowls. Incredibly, they got it all set up in something like 30 minutes—a record time—just as the rest of the guests arrived to surprise Anton.

This truly gifted interior designer is the most suave person I know. Nothing seems to ruffle his contented nature, and he is just so pleasant to have around. Even at the height of deadline tension as he raced to complete the interiors of the new Mezze Restaurant in Greenbelt, he remained the epitome of the three C's: calm, cool and collected.

It is sheer talent on his part that he can stay cool and unflappable while so many of us end up physically changed by stress. I wouldn't mind hosting an annual surprise party for this dear friend.

My fave restaurateur and yoga buddy, **Malu Gamboa**, provided excellent dishes in keeping with the theme of the night. I'm still in my carnivore stage and haven't been back to my usual vegetarian fare, so I enjoyed all her meat dishes as well.

12 successful years

Malu is our mainstay caterer no matter the size or theme. Recently, she concocted unusual, pink-colored dishes for the All Pink birthday party of successful designer **Rajo Laurel**.

In celebration of his 12 years in the fashion industry and 33 glorious years of life, gleaming fashion prince Rajo did an all-out, all-pink, shameless and delirious party at the Hidalgo Place in Rockwell. The place was transformed into a pink paradise using endless fabric styled by Anton B. and gigantic cherry blossom trees lent by event guru **Keren Pascual**.

The main attraction was a circular lit bar surrounded by 12 mannequins dressed in Rajo creations. They represented each year of his dozen years in fashion, and also his special muses which included **Kris Aquino**, **Zsa Zsa Padilla**, **Pops Fernandez** and **Sarah Meier**, to name a few. I was also so proud to be on the short list.

The marvelous evening was highly intoxicating, with the '80s mixes of **DJ Robbie Carmona** who brought back the days of **Madonna**, **Gloria Gaynor** and **Whitney Houston**.

I can't imagine what the music of Athena's generation will sound like. Our '80s tunes to her will really be considered vintage by the time she turns 20. And the cutting-edge rap of today will be the standards of tomorrow's elevators.

The now-slimmer Rajo has indeed a lot to celebrate and be thankful for. He has weathered countless challenges, both in business and in his personal life, emerging a more complete person from all that. With his focus on health and happiness, he has set attainable goals, resulting in his blissfully single disposition. The best thing about Rajo is that he is such a comforting friend who can dress you so fabulously outside and make you feel so warm inside.

My limited social events have been confirmations, baptisms and funerals. Though some are sad and painful, such as the passing away of **Richard Tann** one day before the birthday of his life partner, **Inno Sotto**, life is still a grand celebration, whether on the up slopes or on the down slopes.

With Father's Day just around the corner, we have another chance to appreciate some of the persons that matter most in our lives. But, of course, I believe mothers should be appreciated more!

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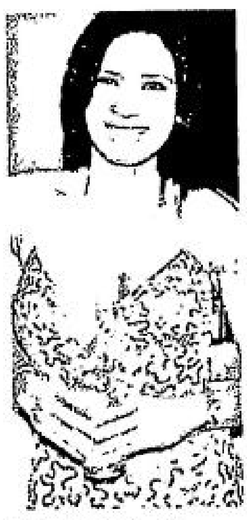
RAJO'S angels Leica Carpo, Kitty Jacinto, Malu Gamboa, Amanda Carpo and Teenee Chan

DJ of the night Robbie Carmona



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ANNUAL surprise party for Anton Barretto in a neo-Japanese setting

FUN FRIENDS. Joey Campillio and Jose Soriano

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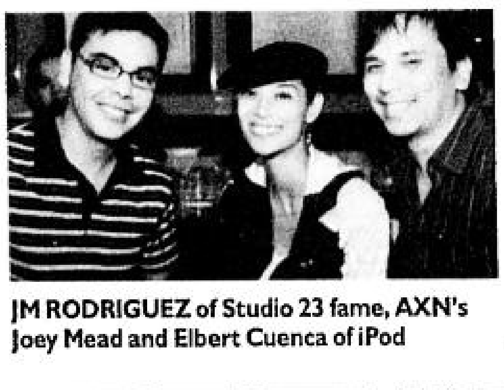
HUNKS at the party. Norman Luna and Dong Ronquillo



JM RODRIGUEZ of Studio 23 fame, AXN's Joey Mead and Elbert Cuenca of iPod

CONFIRMATION at San Antonio, with Bettina, Ricco, Selina, Julianna, Emilio and Tina Ocampo

ALL PINK. Rajo Laurel with his spectacular creations

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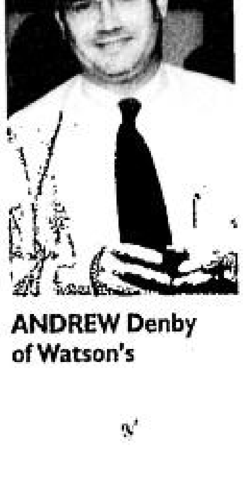

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THE GANG in pink!

Another Lhuillier makes it to US glossy

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ure. Now I need a second opinion about this...

Another Lhuillier is making waves in the US market. British-born **Joanna Lhuillier's** exquisite beaded handbags are featured in the June issue of InStyle magazine. Joanna is the sister of LA-based fashion designer **Monique Lhuillier**. She lives in Cebu with her husband and two sons...

Tom Cruise's newfound romance with "Batman Begins" star **Katie Holmes**—could this be a publicity stunt for his upcoming "War of the Worlds" movie?

Not so if you ask Tom. In a recent episode of "Oprah," Tom was seen jumping on the couch and telling the shocked host, "I'm in love!" Well, we all know love can make you do silly things but whether this is real or reel life remains to be seen. In any case, everyone is focused on Tom Cruise again, just the way he likes it.

PARTY of the month. Yves Piaget himself will grace the June 29 Piaget launch party at Makati Shangri-La Rizal Ballroom.

SEASON'S must-have—Louis Vuitton's Denime "Speedy" bag

A funny thing happened on my way to get a US visa... I have always dreaded getting a visa, any visa for that matter. I was traumatized when I applied for a UK visa when I was thinking of studying there. The visa officer shouted at me and really treated me shabbily. Of course, one can always say, "I really don't want to go there anyway," but who are you really fooling?

This time around I was applying for a US visa. After filing my visa application via e-mail and securing an appointment (8:30 a.m.) I arrived at the US consulate at 7:30 a.m., half-groggy and needing a bed. My driver dropped me off at the sidewalk of Roxas Boulevard, when I chanced upon people offering services for US visa photos. When I looked at one of them and looked at my photo, I asked the lady if mine was the correct size. She said, "*Naku ang laki ng mukha mo diyan. Upo ka muna at kukunan kita ng ritrato.*"

So there I was sitting on the sidewalk on Roxas Boulevard, feeling sleepy and uncomfortable, when all of a sudden someone came up from behind me and raised a white sheet. Was he going to suffocate me with it? I thought. Then the woman came up in front of me and said, "*O ngiti ka.*" I waited for a few minutes and I got my photo. The results were less than human.

I proceeded to get in line, which was orderly, and managed to get in. There was a longer line inside so it took me about 45 minutes to get to Pavilion 1, where your papers are first processed and you're given a number. When I got to the guard he looked at my papers and asked for my application form.

I said, "Oh, I e-mailed it already!"

"You need a printed version," he said.

This was the moment when I turned white! He told me to look for an Internet place and resend my form. It was 8:30 a.m. I hurriedly left the consulate and chanced upon the lady who took my photo and asked where the closest Internet place was. She was nice enough to take me to one even if it was at least a 10-minute walk. There I had to wait behind a long line of people who, like me, were smart and did not print out their application forms.

When a computer opened up, I readily dictated my information to a woman who was the designated typist. She smugly said, "*Ano ang pangalan mo?*" without looking at me. I told her my name and she said, "*paki*-spell" and gave me a piece of paper and pencil. Being the very patient man that I am, I asked her if I could just type it myself. She said, "*At bakit?*" Remember when I turned white? This time I turned red. I was going through the spectrum of colors a human body could muster in one morning. Thank God I did not turn blue! Well not yet. I was quiet. She got up and said, "*O ayan.*" I hurriedly took my cue and typed the information myself.

Halfway through typing, you won't believe it, a mouse (not the one attached to the computer) jumped on the keyboards and I jolted (better word than shrieked)! It must have been a pet since it stayed there for close to 15 seconds. I shooed it away and thank God it left. I finished typing, sent the application form through and got out of there to head back to the consulate.

Next week: More tales with guest star Diether Ocampo and the "Star in a Million" winners, people shouting and singing during the interviews and, of course, the answer to the all-important question, "Did I get my visa?"

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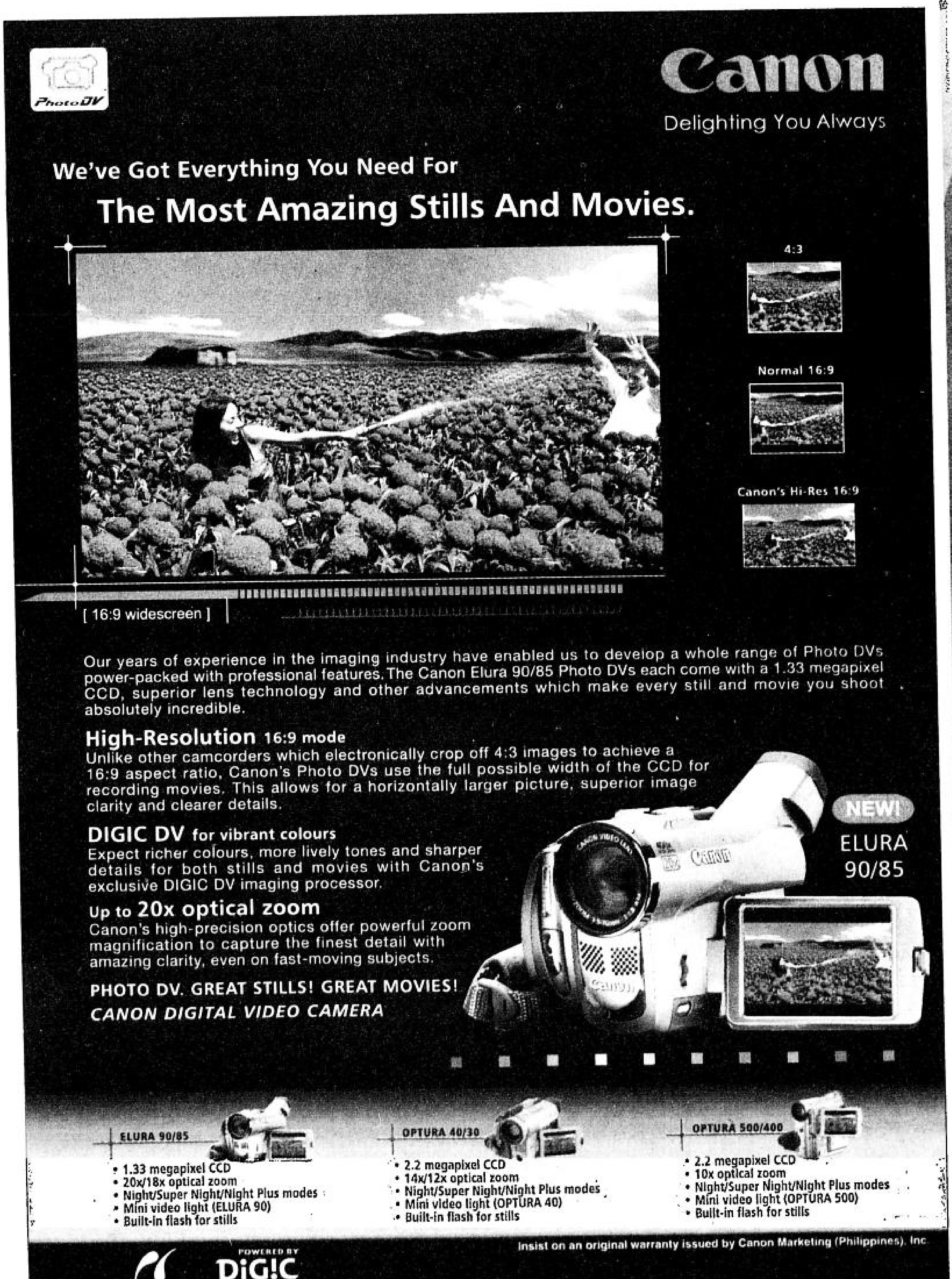

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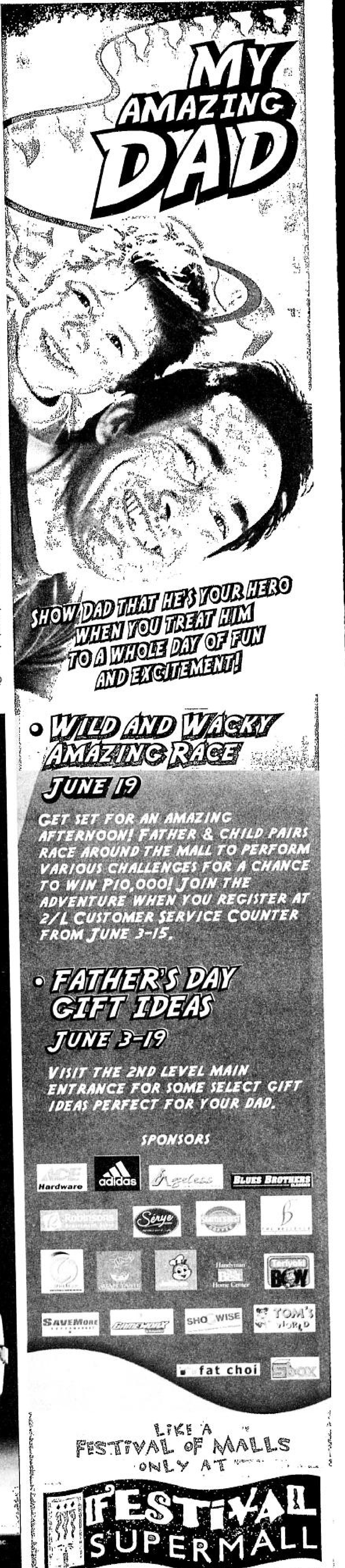

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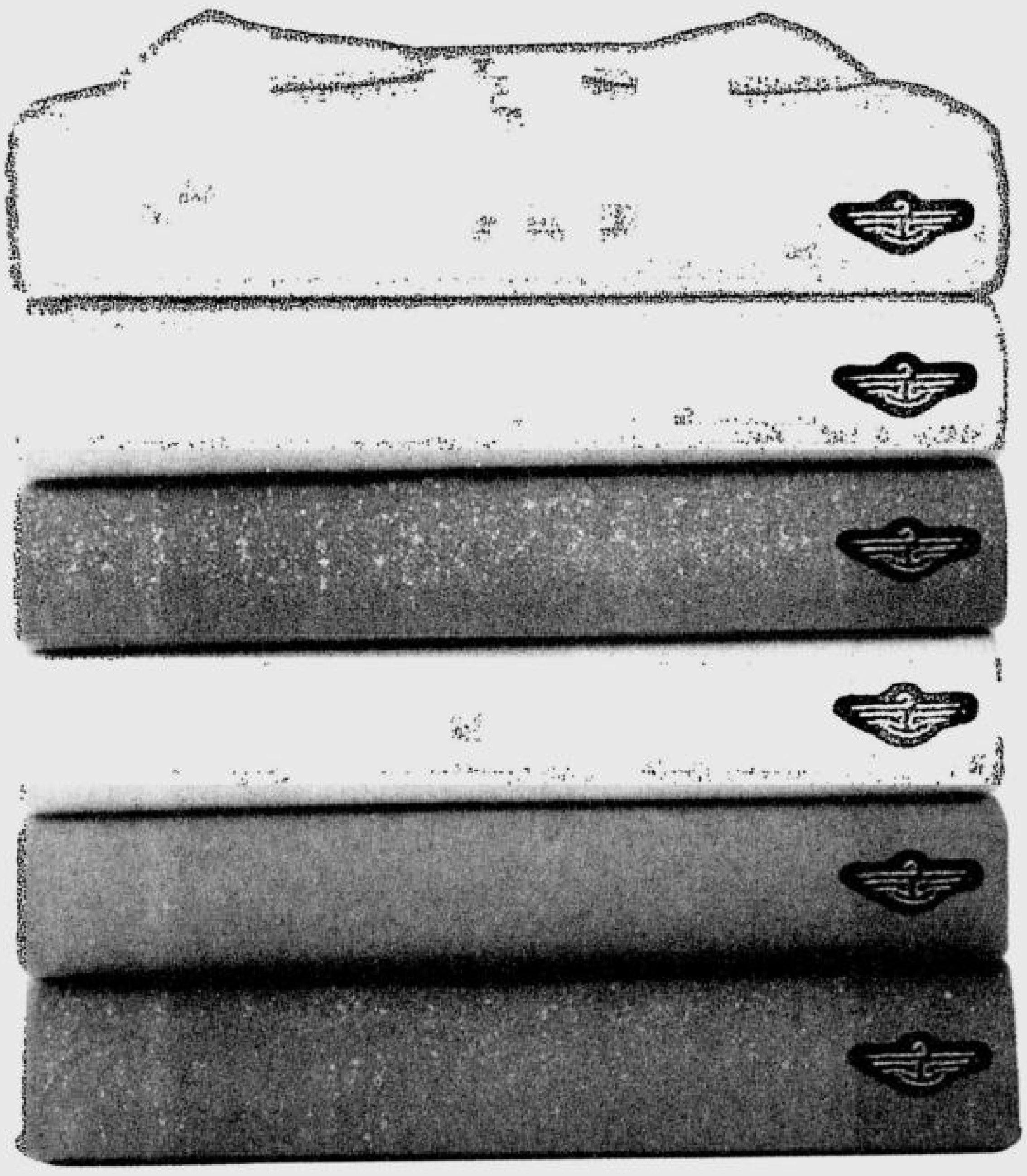

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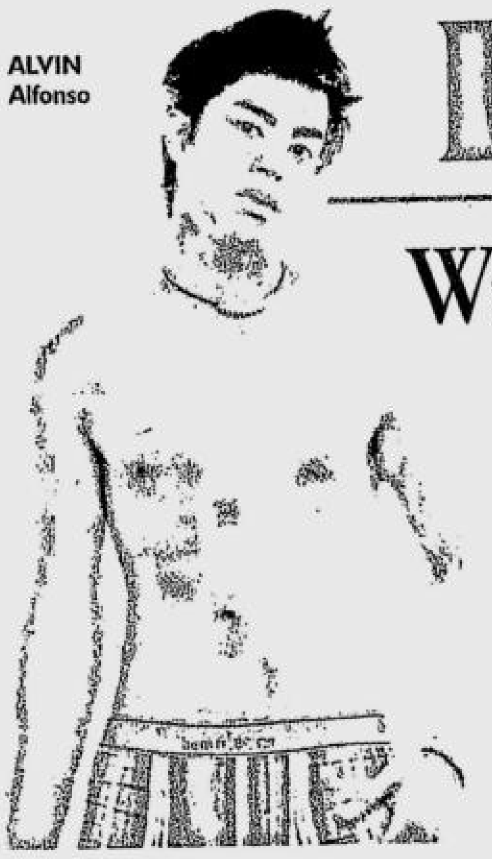

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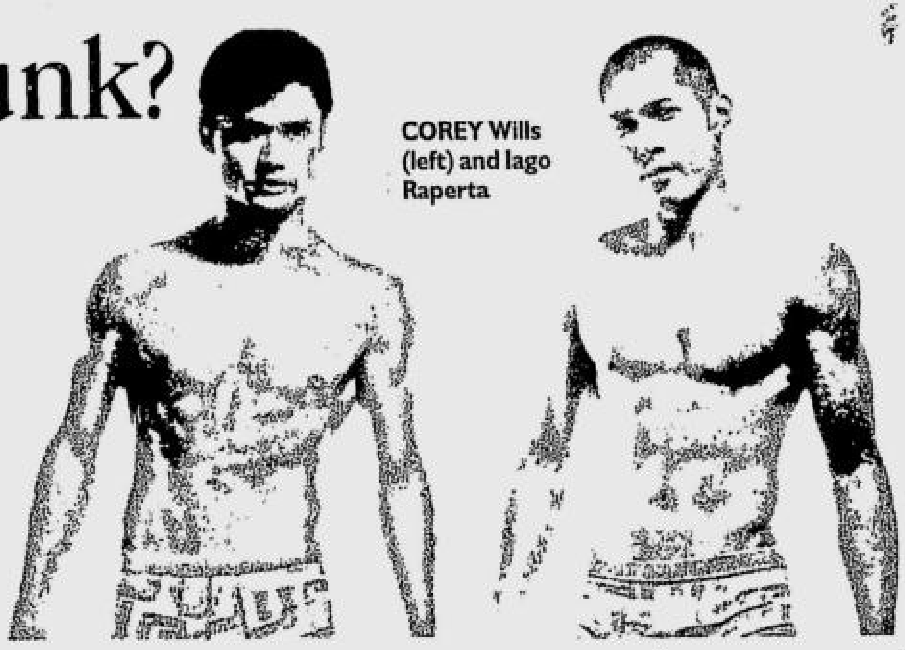

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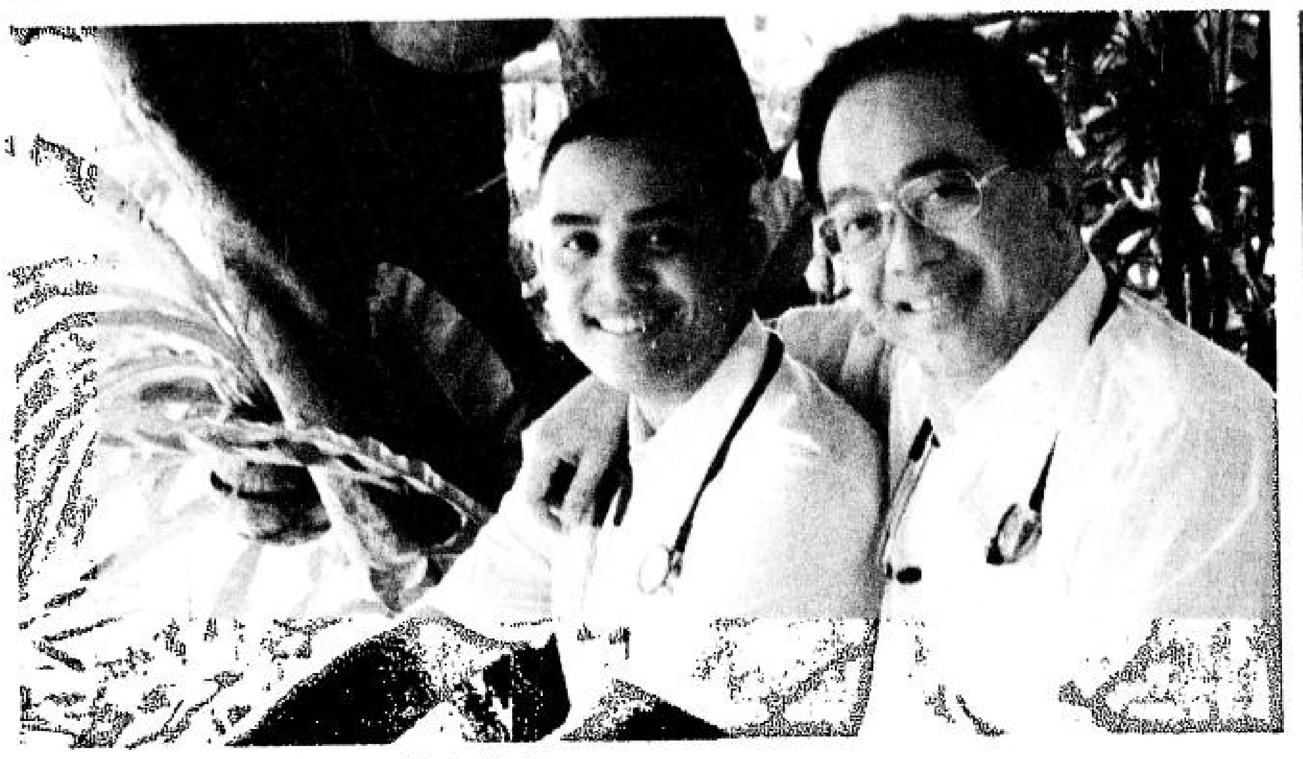


FATHER and son doctors Dante and Daffy Morales

Boys to men

FATHER and son race-car champions Dante and Jojo Silverio

ARCHITECT Gelo Mañosa, race-car driver Jojo Silverio and physician Daffy Morales are accomplished men in their fields. Just like their dads.

In anticipation of Father's Day, Metrobank Card Corporation gathers the three father-and-son tandems to share their thoughts on success.

Growing up, Gelo witnessed his dad's passion. He was just five when they moved to the new house modeled after the *bahay-kubo* and filled with beautiful works and designs that highlight Filipino culture. Bobby Mañosa is a proponent of vernacular architecture.

"Whenever my dad had to go to his job sites, he brought me along," Gelo said. "I guess that was what got me started really young into the profession I'm in now."

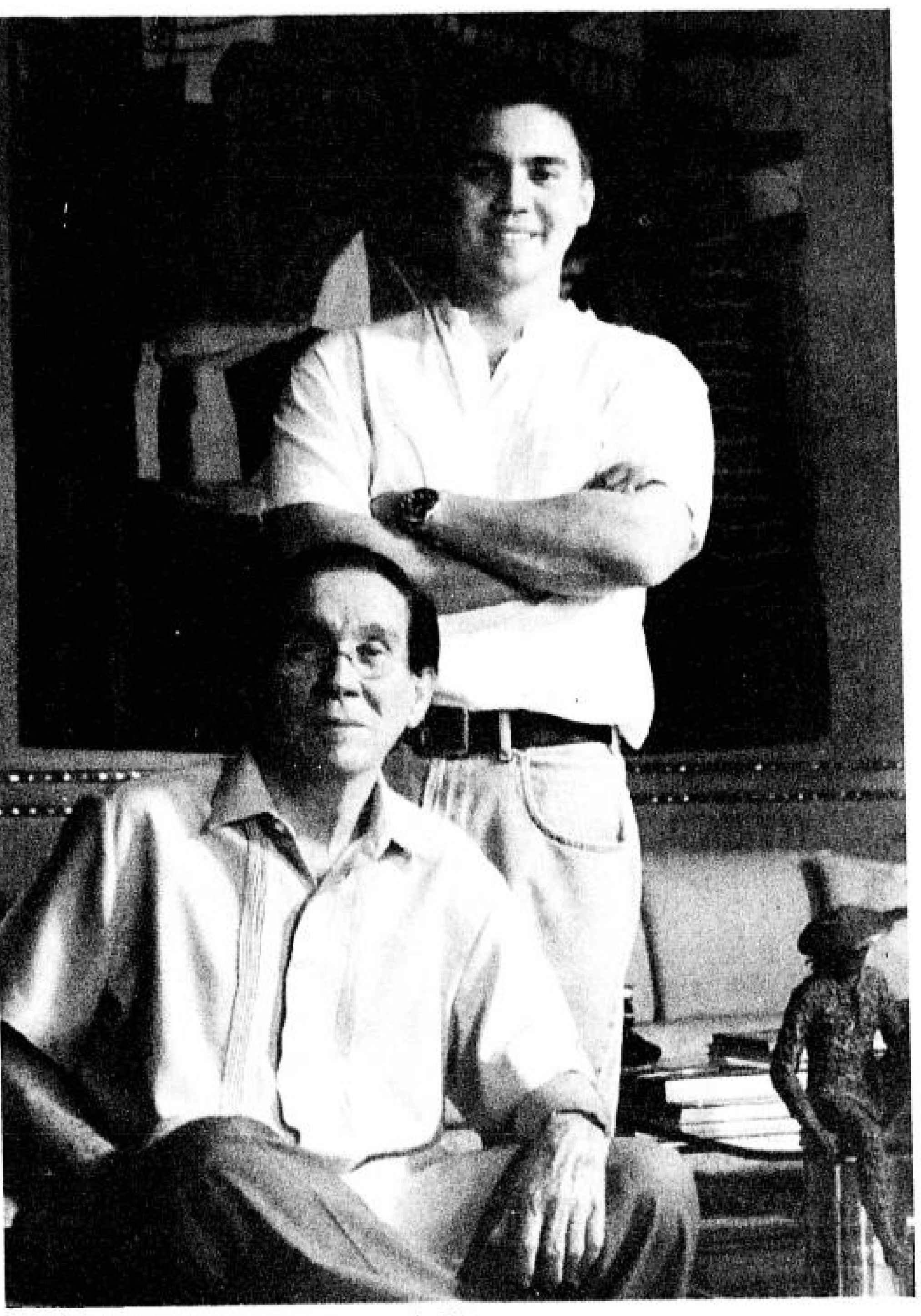
It wasn't all that easy for him, though. The younger Mañosa had to work his way up. "In college, when I would be rushing to finish a draft, with the deadline the next day, I'd go to my dad to ask for his opinion," Gelo said. "He would never give me a flat-out answer na 'Yes' or 'No.' He'd always answer my question with another question: 'Do you think what you did will work? Why?' It was so frustrating!"

Now that he's practicing, Gelo has realized how his dad had taught him all along. He applies the same pedagogy as a faculty member of the prestigious College of Architecture of the University of Santo Tomas, also his dad's alma mater.

"I teach the same things to my students now at UST, and even though I see their frustration with me, I know I'm doing the right thing. Now that I'm older and hopefully wiser, what my dad has preached me makes a lot of sense."

"My dad has so much passion for his fight for our country and culture and I can only say that my passion is not yet as developed as his," Gelo added. "I guess it would come with age but, really, my dad has a 40-year headstart and what I have done is just a drop in the bucket. I'm sure when I've cooled and settled down, I'll realize that, once again, my father had been right all along."

Bobby is proud of his son. "I am happy to have passed on to him my love of architecture and our country."



FATHER and son architects Bobby and Gelo Mañosa

Speed team

Jojo Silverio did not get much encouragement from his father, Dante Silverio, at first.

"He used to discourage me from joining the motocross," Jojo said. "Anything on two wheels was a no-no for him. I understood that it was fatherly concern."

But he remembered sneaking behind his father's back to practice and join races on dirt tracks. "It used to really piss him off," he laughed. "But you know, when you grow up watching your father race and you get bitten by the bug yourself, it's hard to stop."

Dante, in time, accepted his son's need for speed and supported Jojo's growing career.

"My son is really good, even when he was young," the father said. "Motocross was his initial baptism into racing and he began to win a lot. He fast became one of the top driver contenders in the country."

Jojo later became the 2001 Asian Formula 3 Challenge Champion.

One of Dante's most memorable experiences on the race track is competing with Jojo in the 1987 Marlboro Freedom Rally.

"Jojo came in first while I was second," Dante said. "We had fun on that race and I was happy that my son took all the advice I had given him and became even better than I am."

"My dad beats me all the time in the race of life," Jojo said. "Crossing the line ahead of him doesn't mean I won; maybe he simply gave the chance to me. He'll always be first for me, because he's a special guy who always has energy for life. Being a great parent who supports and gives strength to the whole family—that is the real race. My father wins that, hands-down."

Doctors are in

In becoming a physician, Daffy Morales begun to understand his dad's dedication to his work.

"My dad also used to discourage me from taking up medicine in the beginning because he thought I wasn't serious and also because it's difficult. And yes, it is difficult," Daffy said.

Dante Morales impressed upon Daffy the seriousness of caregiving. "You don't own your time," he said. "When a patient gets serious, you must drop everything and leave. Our family has had Christmases and holidays when we were just waiting for the beeper to sound and tell me there's an emergency. Being a doctor is also a continuous study."

Daffy said his dad is his inspiration. "I saw how the patients viewed my dad and there's no better appreciation that you can get than a patient saying, 'Thank you for saving my life,'" he said. "*Nakakawala ng pagod.*"

Now that father and son share the ups and downs of the medical profession together, they admit to becoming even more bonded by their work.

"When someone calls our house to speak to Dr. Morales, we ask them, 'Which one?' '*Yung bata o 'yung mas bata?*'" Daffy said.

Daffy Morales is a resident at the Manila Doctors Hospital, where Dante is the medical director. But the two could hardly get together because of the pressures of work.

It is only on weekends when they catch up with one another and sing *karaoke*, especially Dante.

Asked the best treat he could give his dad on Fathers' Day, Dante said he wants to go on a holiday tour abroad with his dad.

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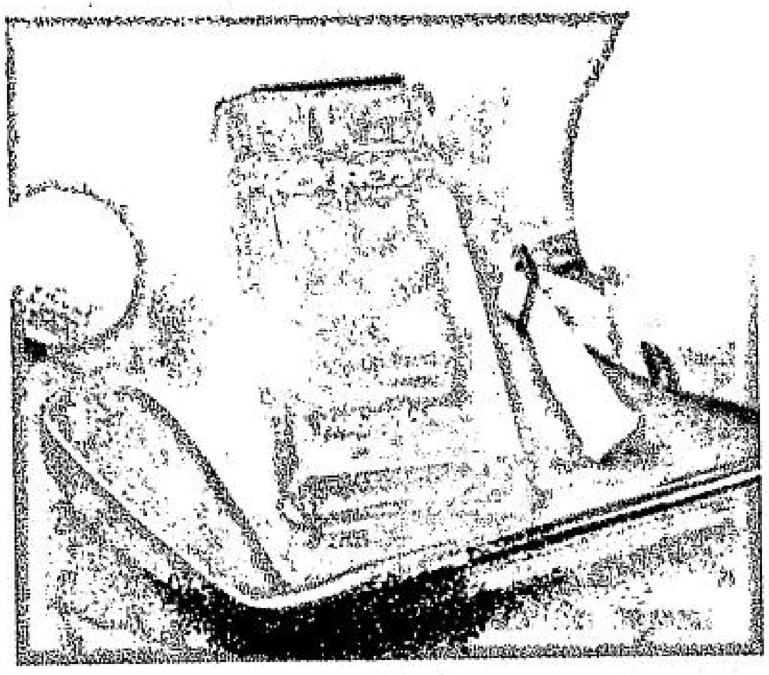
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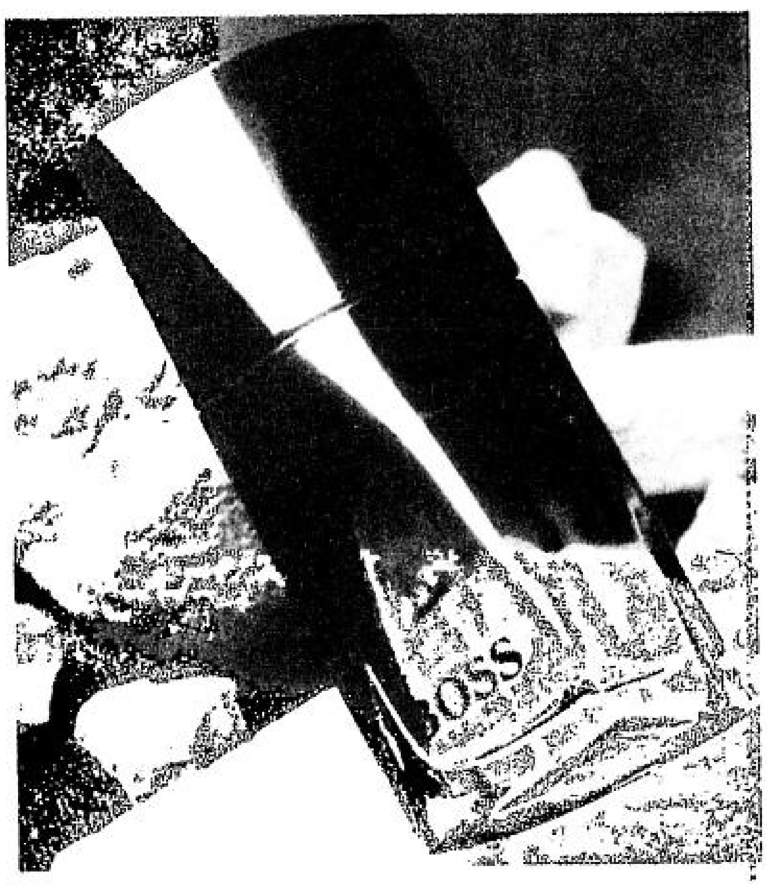
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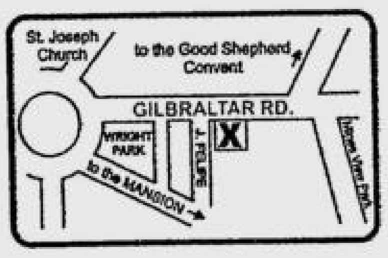
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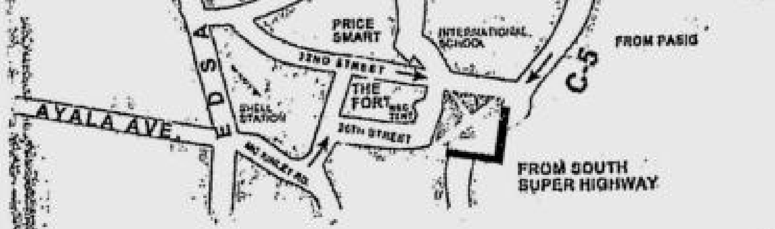
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Hassle-free shopping for home needs

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THE FUNCTIONAL kitchen is home to free house-care tips and product demonstrations.

Text by Anne A. Jambora
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OF THE MANY items on a typical grocery list, household products are often considered the most boring, so boring they are given to the help to buy. The monotonous routine generally calls for grabbing familiar items off the rack and thinking nothing of them afterwards.

Today, however, consumer products for the home are getting their fair share of attention, at least in this giant hypermart which has initiated a makeover of the often overlooked section.

Shopwise, in tandem with Procter & Gamble Phils., has built a walk-through model home in one section of the country's first supercenter. Called The House of Care, this section is designed to lure back housewives to buy household items themselves by making shopping more exciting.

Instead of pushing individual products, clever merchandise segmentation is utilized to spruce up this section. Hard sell makes way for a functional and solutions-driven layout.

Quick and useful

Like a regular home, it has four "rooms" with products under everyday labels such as laundry (green room), kitchen (yellow), bathroom (blue) and general cleaning (red). The result: easily identifiable products for hassle-free shopping. It is also a quick and useful way to hunt for similar products should shoppers wish to upgrade the grocery list.

"When you clean your house, you clean by room, not by brand or product. Same thing when you make your shopping list, you also list down items by what each room requires," says Shopwise vice president for marketing and merchandising Catherine Y. Tantoco.

The laundry room has the essentials for laundry, whether one handwashes or uses the washing machine, such as various kinds of bleachers and fabric conditioners, bars gentle to the hands or ultra powders tough on the stains, starch sprays, clothespin, for jeans, for shirts, for jackets, for delicates. The choice is wide.

For that surprise party or out-of-town trip, visit the yellow room (kitchen) for plastic cups, paper plates, plastic utensils, zip bags. There are also cleaning clothes, liquid dishwashers, sponges.

Tissue papers, toilet ducks, liquid disinfectants, powder cleansers, toilet deodorizers, are all found in the bathroom area, including soap dishes and other bathroom accessories. General cleaning includes all types of waxes—including those for the car—polishers, floor mops, bulbs, fluorescent, stain removers, rubber gloves, and more.

There is even a functional kitchen in the middle of this house and home-solution center where shoppers are given free lectures on home care, from cooking to cleaning and caring for domestic devices, to food storage, dishwashing, using fabric softeners and more.

After all, says Tantoco, choosing the right product for a particular task is as crucial as keeping home appliances, fixtures or clothes in excellent shape. Further aiding shoppers are product literature in English and Tagalog.

"It can be very confusing. You don't use the same detergent for your delicates, jeans and rugs, and certainly not liquid dish detergent for your car. Also, scooping the right amount for your washing machine will help keep this appliance in excellent condition for a long time," Tantoco says.

Products are also classified into categories to make budgeting on-the-go even smoother. Superior Cleaning offers pricier items, while Value Cleaning products are for the price-conscious. Under Mild Cleaning are those intended for delicate materials.

Fresh concepts

By consistently coming out with fresh concepts, Tantoco hopes to keep shoppers guessing and ultimately interested in items on the shelf other than those they are already familiar with. Through The House of Care, she says, the household section will become an exciting shopping destination.

Shopwise, like every other shopping destination, naturally pushes products every month. The only thing that changes, Tantoco says, is the format in which these products are marketed. A shift in the political and economic environment, for instance, demands major adjustments in the store-product highlights, layout and design included.

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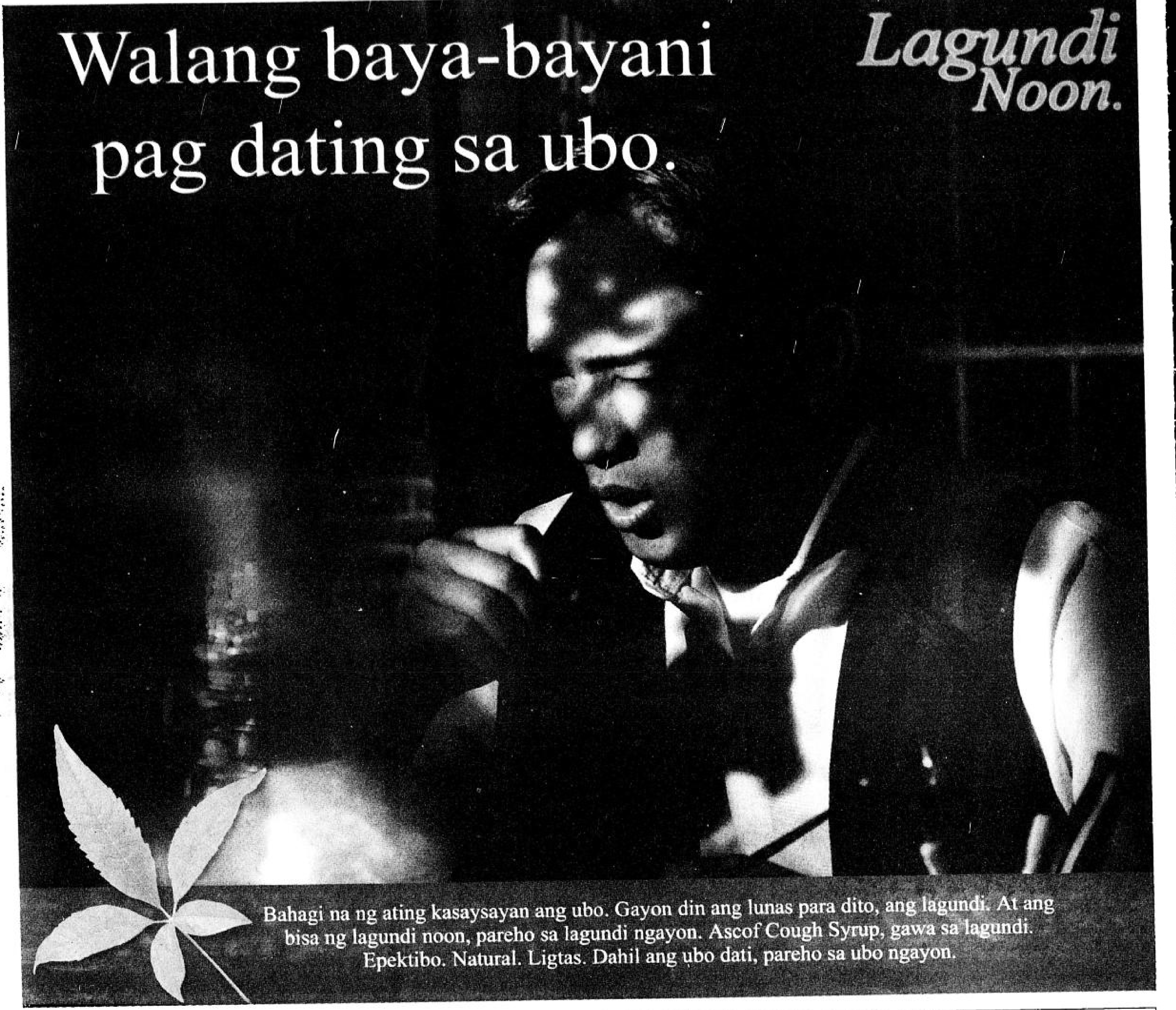
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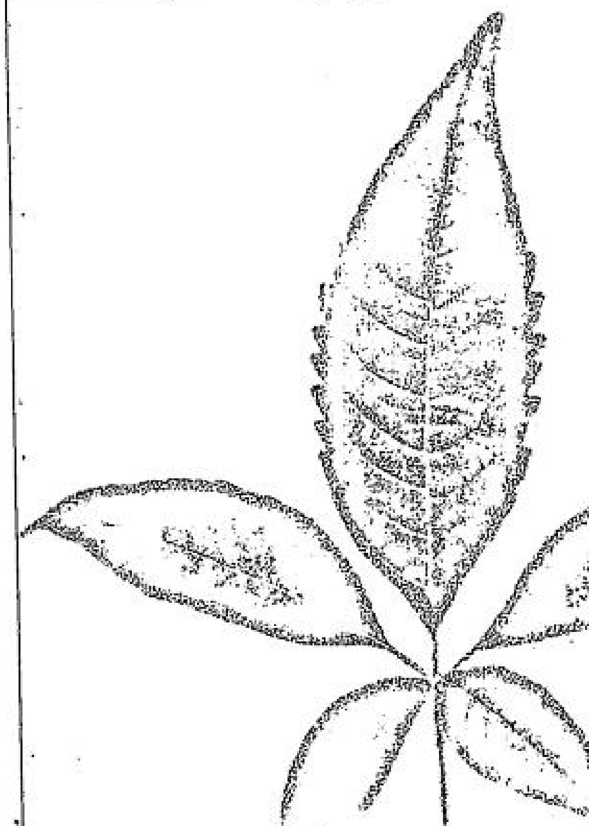

Lagundi........a wonder herbal plant

For centuries, Filipinos have discovered the curative effects of medicinal plants and have used these as an immediate remedy for illnesses. One of the popularly known herbal plants, Lagundi (*Vitex Negundo L.*), has been used for its medicinal benefits from the Pre-Spanish times up to the present.

Early Spanish colonizers were very much attracted to our local herbs. As a result, numerous papers and manuscripts on our medicinal plants have been written mostly by Spanish friars. One of the earliest accounts on Lagundi was chronicled in 1737 by Father Manuel Blanco in "Flora de Filipinas" (*Imprenta de Santo Tomas*), which has long been the standard reference on plants by different authors on books on Philippine medicinal plants. Dr. Jose Rizal, our national hero, was also fascinated with local medicinal plants during his exile in Dapitan. He collected and studied the curative values of medicinal plants. As a result, he prescribed these to his patients.

Traditional usage of Lagundi has indicated for fever, asthma, headache, toothache, and even superficial bleeding. With the onset of modern science and scientific validation through clinical studies, Lagundi leaves were found to be effective as anti-asthma and antitussive with no side effects noted. Lagundi is categorized as an herbal medicine or in modern science, a phytomedicine. It is a large-branched shrub reaching a height of 5 meters. The plant can be found throughout the Philippines, growing wild in uplands, roadsides, waste places, and thickets at low and medium elevations.

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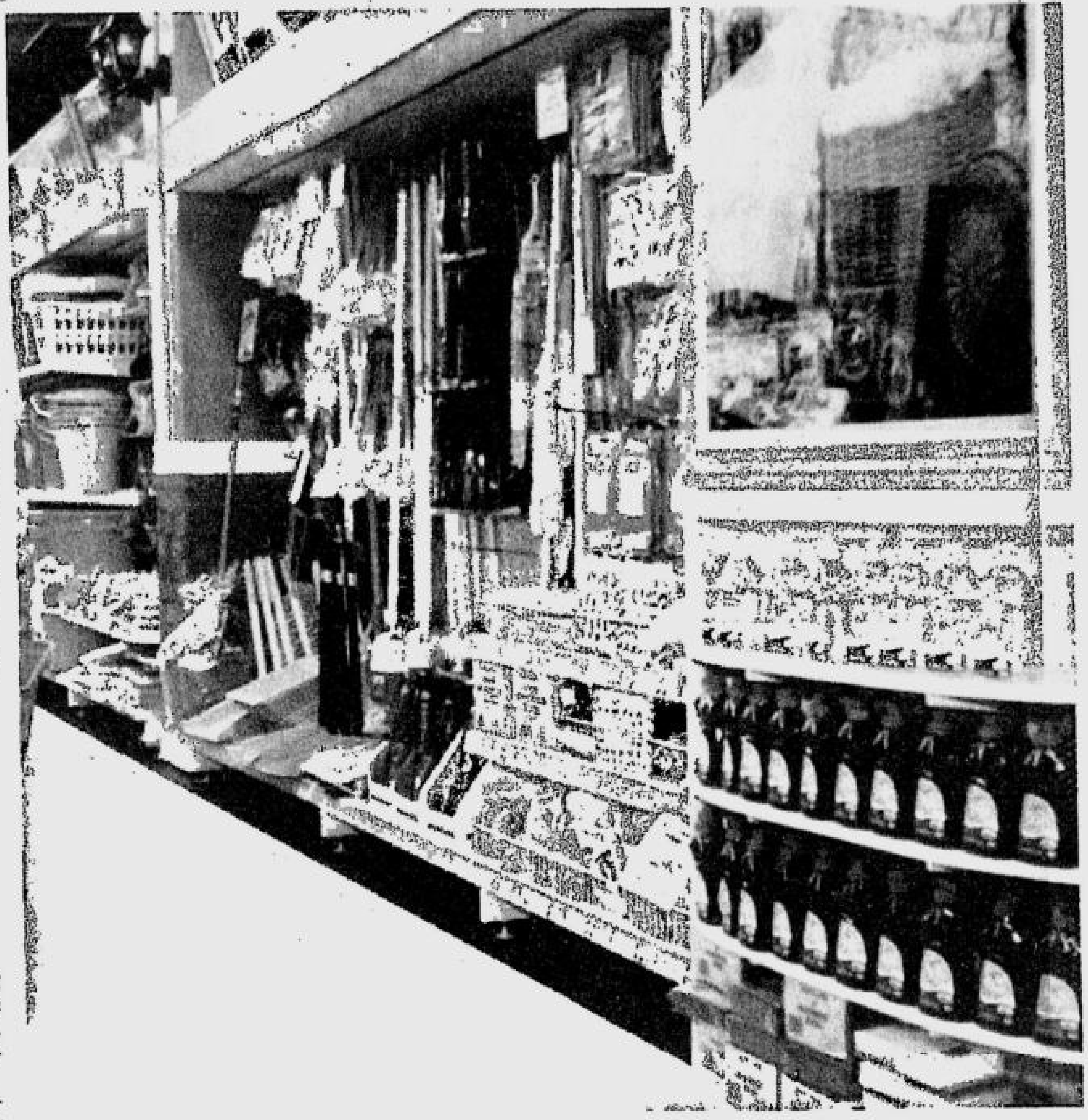

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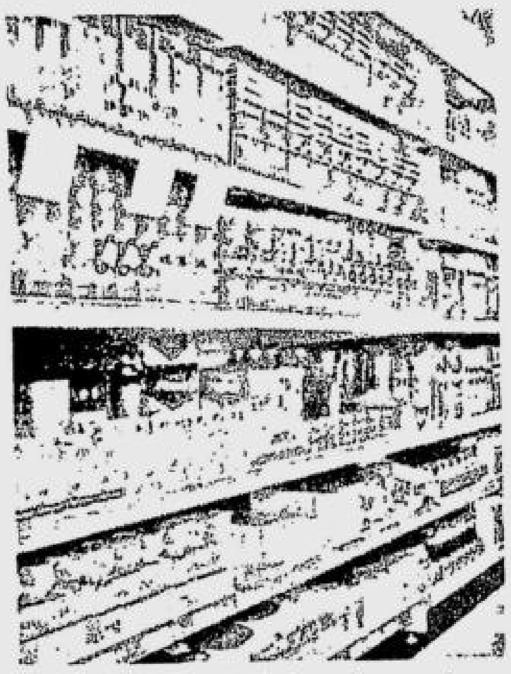

SHELVES are brightly lit from above and underneath.

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"It loses its novelty if you keep repeating the same thing every time. That would be like receiving the same Christmas gift every year. You have to keep raising the bar and reinventing the store," she says.

A relayout every now and then, says Tantoco, also brings newness and excitement to the store. By "moving around" the store's items, different products are highlighted on a regular basis. Such is the concept of The House of Care. There is a careful balance between high and low shelves, which are brightly lit from above and underneath so that nothing escapes the eye. Landscape photos by one of the country's top lensmen, Raymund Isaac, warms up the center portion of the area.

Shoppers can get discounts plus a chance to win appliances worth more than P1 million by purchasing household items from The House of Care. Every P300 single receipt inclusive of P50 worth of products from participating sponsors entitles customers to a track card. Completion of all 10 boxes on the track card will give shoppers instant gift packs plus a chance to win in the raffle draw.

Hypermart concept

Now running in Shopwise's Festival Supermall (Alabang) branch, The House of Care will soon be seen in Shopwise Makati (Chino Roces Avenue corner Vito Cruz) and Libis, Araneta Center in Cubao (E. Rodriguez Avenue).

"People are not yet very familiar with the hypermart concept—that you can collapse many shopping trips into one destination," Tantoco says. In other words, you don't have to go to a wet market one morning, the hardware store in the afternoon, the department store another day and the supermarket on still another. All these shopping destinations may be found in a hypermart.

To follow The House of Care are the Health and Beauty and Toy and Baby Care centers.

Shopwise will soon open two new branches in Antipolo and Harrison Plaza. Shopwise Antipolo, located on ML Quezon Street corner Circumferential Road, Brgy. San Roque (former site of Imperial Theater), opens on June 24 with a free concert featuring some of the country's hottest bands like Rivermaya, Aegis and True Faith as well as celebrities Anne Curtis, Kitchie Nadal and the San Miguel Beermen.

Shopwise Manila at the Harrison Plaza mall in Manila will open on Sept. 18.

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Young environmental envoys named

BAYER Philippines' search for its 5th Young Environmental Envoys this year harvested eight winners, five of whom will be sent on an all-expense paid trip to the company's main office in Germany as Bayer Young Environmental Envoys (BYEE), and three others as delegates to the Eco-Minds Forum in Manila and Subic.

A newly introduced part of the Bayer program, Eco-Mind selections are based on the participants' focus on science and technology. Along with attendance in an Eco-Minds Forum in Manila and Subic this October, their award includes a cash prize. BYEEs are students from universities and colleges all over the country selected on the basis of their environmental commitment, involvement and possible solutions to problems.

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

The BYEE is, no doubt, a competition for students—but with a difference. It cannot be taken as an ordinary contest because here, the "contestant" must have been immersed in the situation and problem he is clarifying, usually within the course he is pursuing. Making presentations from first-hand knowledge greatly improves a student's chances. In fact, well-researched presentations are encouraged.

So this phase of the selection, which actually is "the presentation," takes on an aura of those oral examinations for post-graduate degrees or revalida. The student develops his case with full understanding of the situation he presents, always with the UN Millennium Development Goals in mind. To one listening to each presentation, there are many lessons to learn, much of which are eye-openers. Perhaps, some day, a BYEE could earn academic credits from being an awardee.

The formal awards ceremony, held at the Hotel InterContinental last month, was attended by Bayer officials headed by president Jean Broue; vice president Norbert Gilcher; guest speaker, lawyer Antonio Oposa Jr.; guests from the UN and honorees' family and friends.

THE 2005 Bayer Young Environmental Envoys with Bayer president Jean Brove (extreme left): Jordan Zamoranos, Gerard Dumancao, Tristan Nabong, John Rex Jardinero, Ryan Buccat, Alita Bautista, Jeffrey Mora and Lester Lopez. Behind them is lawyer Antonio Oposa, guest speaker.

The new batch of BYEEs are: Alita Criselle Bautista, Ryan Anthony Buccat, John Rex Jardinero, Lester Louis Lopez, and Jeffrey Mora. Selected under the Eco-Minds category are Gerard D. Dumancas, Tristan Kirby Nabong and Jordan S. Zamoranos. Recipient of a special award was "alumnus" Bonar Laurente for successfully following up his project—recycling waste from sugarcane processing to make construction material which he calls "Eco-cement."

The Envoys will join counterparts from other countries (Thailand, Indonesia, India, Singapore, China, Korea, Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Poland) in Cologne, Germany, while the Eco-Minds group will interact with delegates from Asia Pacific countries—Australia, New Zealand, India, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, China and Korea. Once a simple company endeavor, BYEE took on a multinational character in 1997, when the UN Environmental Program (UNEP) adopted the program with emphasis on its Millennium Development Goals.

The crucial point in the BYEE selection was the phase where each student presented his/her particular environmental concern or problem, offering possible solutions while taking the UN Millennium Development Goals into consideration. There was an atmosphere that closely resembled that in oral examinations or revalidas. Each student was expected to have hands-on knowledge of his topic or problem and could therefore discuss it thoroughly.

Environmental Envoys

Most of the five BYEEs touched on problems that directly involved them: Ryan Buccat, a Med Tech student at Lorma College in La Union, also volunteers as a DENR Youth Official of Region 1. He laments the rate of forest loss in his province and the apathetic attitude of some people.

John Rex Jardinero, who lives in Palawan and studies at its State University, is greatly concerned over the disappearance of the mangroves in this part of the country.

Alita Criselle Bautista, management engineering student at Ateneo de Manila University, is aware of the importance of eco-labeling especially in an urban setting.

Lester Louis Lopez takes up veterinary medicine at UP-Los Baños. He reminds us that the environment, particularly our wildlife, is part of our legacy so we must prevent their loss and degradation.

Jeffrey Mora, a chemistry graduate of FEU, is greatly concerned about informal settlers since, he says, he comes from their ranks. Polluted water, part of the deterioration in the area, is caused, he says, by indifference to the problem and overpopulation

Eco-Minds

Jordan Zamoranos, who takes up chemical engineering at St. Louis University, Baguio City, focuses on his city's need for safe and clean drinking water polluted by overpopulation and rapid urbanization.

Gerard Dumancas, a chemistry graduate of UP-Visayas, has been studying the Iloilo River which, he says, has become a dumpsite of the communities around it. It needs to be revived, he says, because it is the spawning area of bangus, shrimp and other marine life and above all, source of water for shanty families.

Tristan Kirby Nabong, management student of UP-Cebu College, decries the balding forests in his province and fears that as a result, Cebu will lose its water supply. He urges stakeholders to get together to implement watershed management and programs and policies of sustainable development to correct the problem.

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Seminar on flower arrangement

"ALL ABOUT flower arrangement" will be the theme of Floral Sessions 2005, a four-part seminar organized by the Floral Arts Design Center. Experts, including floral designer Rachy Cuna, will conduct the series of lectures and demonstrations to be held at the Virata Hall of University of the Philippines, Diliman.

The schedule: arrangements for flower shops, June 18; wedding flowers, July 2; flowers for sympathy, Aug. 7; and holiday flower arrangements plus gift wrapping with floral accents, Sept. 18. Sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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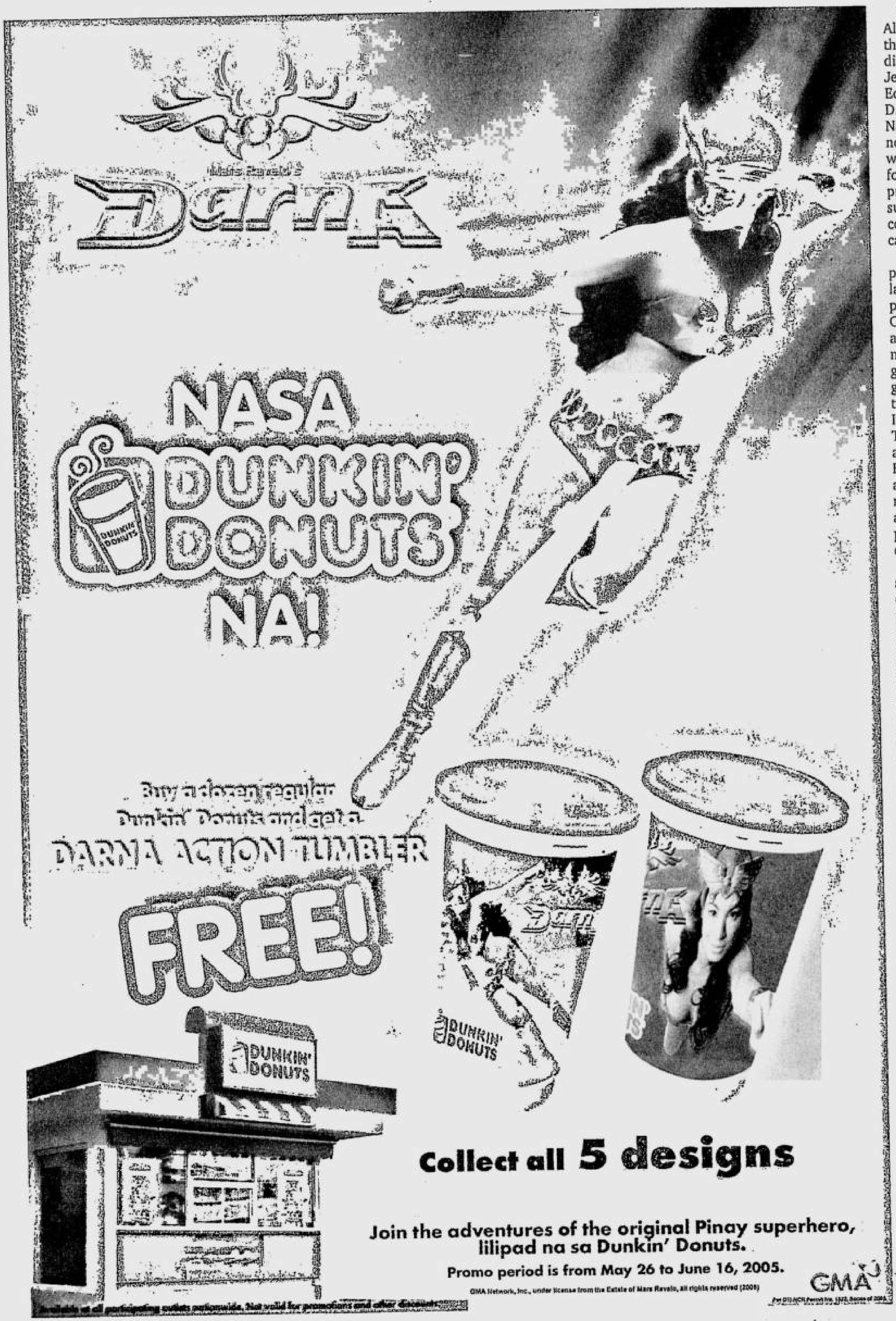
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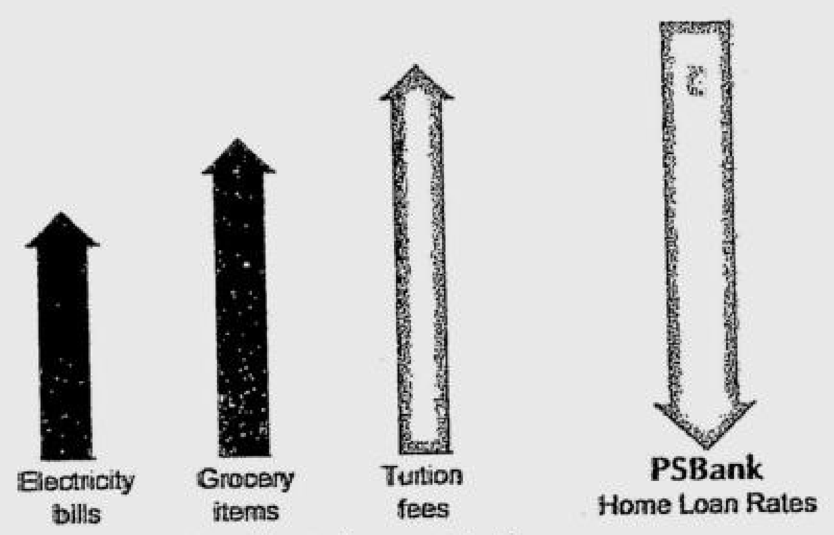

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JESS and Amy Sison renew their wedding vows, with Fr. Ritchie Bueza officiating.

'Golden' couple renews vows before grandson

FORMER Press Secretary and MTRCB (Movie and Television Regulatory and Classificatory Board) chair Jesus Sison and his wife, Amy, celebrated recently their golden wedding anniversary at the Centennial Hall of the Manila Hotel.

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Fr. Ritchie Bueza, a grandson of the couple,

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officiated at the renewal of wedding vows.

Among the special guests were former President Fidel V. Ramos, former Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Gov. Gabriel Singson, Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. vice chair Cesar Virata, former Press Undersecretary Carmen Suva, Manila Bulletin chair Emilio Yap, Malaya executive editor Enrique Pocholo Romualdez, Philippine Star's Marichu Villanueva, Rep. Salvador Escudero and Ambassador Antonio Cabangon-Chua.

Featured entertainers were singer/stage actor Bimbo Cerrudo and magician Erik Mana. The Sison grandchildren also presented dance and song numbers.

Jess and Amy Sison are both from Lingayen, Pangasinan.

FVR says hello to RCBC vice chair Cesar Virata and Chitang Nakpil.

Silver musings

Through 25 years of marriage, her groom has remained as thoughtful and protective as the day they first met, when he kept her dry from the rain with his umbrella

By Grace Shangkuan Koo, Ph.D.
Contributor

TWENTY-FIVE years ago today, Independence Day, my husband and I committed to life in sacred matrimony. As we look back to a quarter-century of a wonderful life together, we are overcome with gratitude to God who has blessed and graced our marriage and family.

In the Adult Development course that I took at Harvard two years ago, there were five of us in my age group who wound up sharing our life stories. All of us were married. Two had been divorced, the third had been separated many years and had just recently reconciled. I remained the only one married with kids.

I was the last to speak, and I was hesitant, wondering if my story could be interpreted as being boastful. I said rather quickly and softly that I considered it my "good fortune" to have a most supportive husband and two lovely, well-behaved teenaged children (now aged 20 and 17). I recounted episodes from our life and my groupmates sighed heartwarmingly, encouraging me to share more.

Since then I've had more opportunity to listen to middle-aged women, many divorced and separated. Others are facing dilemmas of annulment, single motherhood, custody fight or infidelity. And I've wondered: Why is my story among the exceptions?

Our love story

With 25 years of a shared life behind us, I can now say I believe the best decision I made in my life was to marry my husband—the right person.

Our love story has for its symbol an umbrella. One early evening in my teens, after I had a haircut, I came out of the beauty salon to find rain pouring in the darkness. I had no umbrella with me at the time, much less a cell phone, so there was no way for me to go to the next street where my car was parked.

As I was fretting about what to do, a young man who had been waiting awkwardly for quite sometime appeared out of the dark, carrying an umbrella. I was so delightfully surprised that I could have given him my "yes" right then and there!

That thoughtfulness, that willingness to care for and protect somebody else, has been the most endearing reason I eventually married that young man.

A recent "umbrella episode" happened after the concert of Russell Watson. My husband and I came out of the PICC before the last encores ended, only to see a long queue of cars already blocking the entire entry road.

So we walked to the front street and instructed our driver over the mobile phone to approach us with the car on the other side. While we waited for the driver to maneuver out of the blocking cars, a drizzle started.

Without a thought my husband sprinted in his fine clothes toward the car, which was still a short distance off, to get an umbrella for me. As I watched him making his way hurriedly to the car without care for the rain himself, I was amazed at how, for 25 years, he has remained consistent in his actions—actions that speak of much thoughtful care and protection for me and our children.

People are attracted to each other all the time, but we do not want people to be attracted to us in the wrong way and for the wrong reasons. I am attracted to people because of their minds and life experiences, not their looks, money and residential address. So I trust that people are attracted to me the same way.

Atypical

My looks are not the best part of me, and I don't know what is! I know, for sure, that the love I enjoy does not depend on my physical looks. Thus, I am secure in seeing my body age and transform naturally without fear that such biological changes would change our marriage.

I do not have domestic skills to speak of. I can't cook, I can't sew, I can't do any of the things Martha Stewart supposedly excels at. In other words, I am not a "good wife" material.

I read a lot—from nonsense to heavy stuff. I listen to classical music all the time. I like shopping, mostly for books and clothes, but not going to market. I travel a lot and spend considerably on museums and concerts. I do not only talk about wifely and motherly concerns, or talk only with wives and mothers. My outlook in life and the topics I have for conversation are much more expansive and philosophical—in a good sense.

Still, even if I'm probably not a typical mother's best choice for her son's wife, I do not doubt that I am my husband's best choice for a wife and my kids' best choice for a mother.

Based on our marriage of 25 years, I wouldn't describe married life as mostly hard work and sacrifice. On the contrary, it is a lovely, pleasurable journey of learning and loving, of growing together and companionship, characterized by many stories and much laughter.

The painting that would portray our married life would be colorful and delectable, sunny and cheery. Yes, there have been episodes of debates and snubbing, but none of lies or betrayal, or of unfaithfulness and irresponsible behavior. Ours has been a sustaining love.

In marriage, we are accountable to our God, our children and parents, and those who love us and care enough to walk life's journey with us. And so for my husband and me, marriage is a priceless gift that we have received thankfully, guarded and nurtured wisely, and treasured and cherished deeply. All the more so, as time has gone by.

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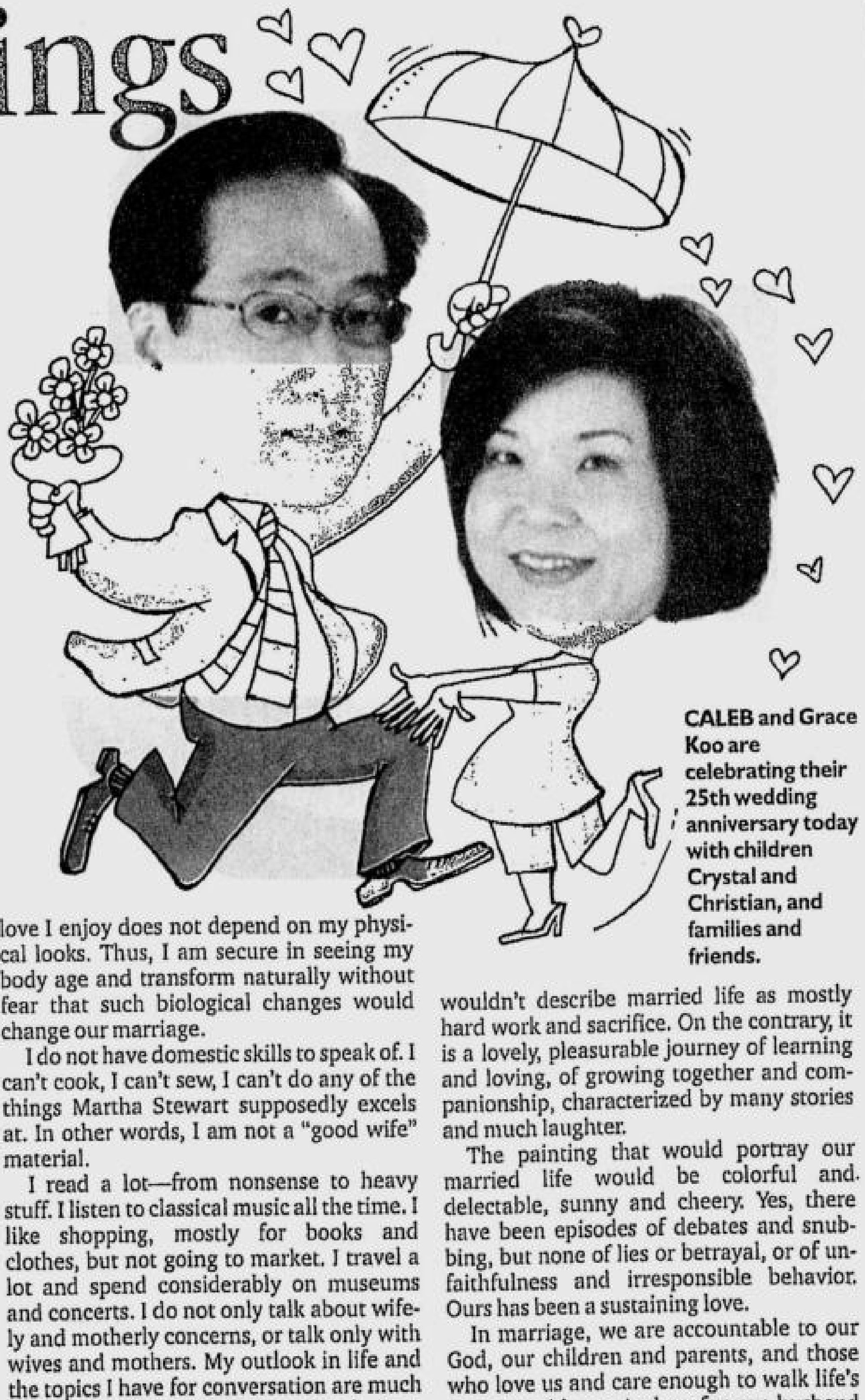

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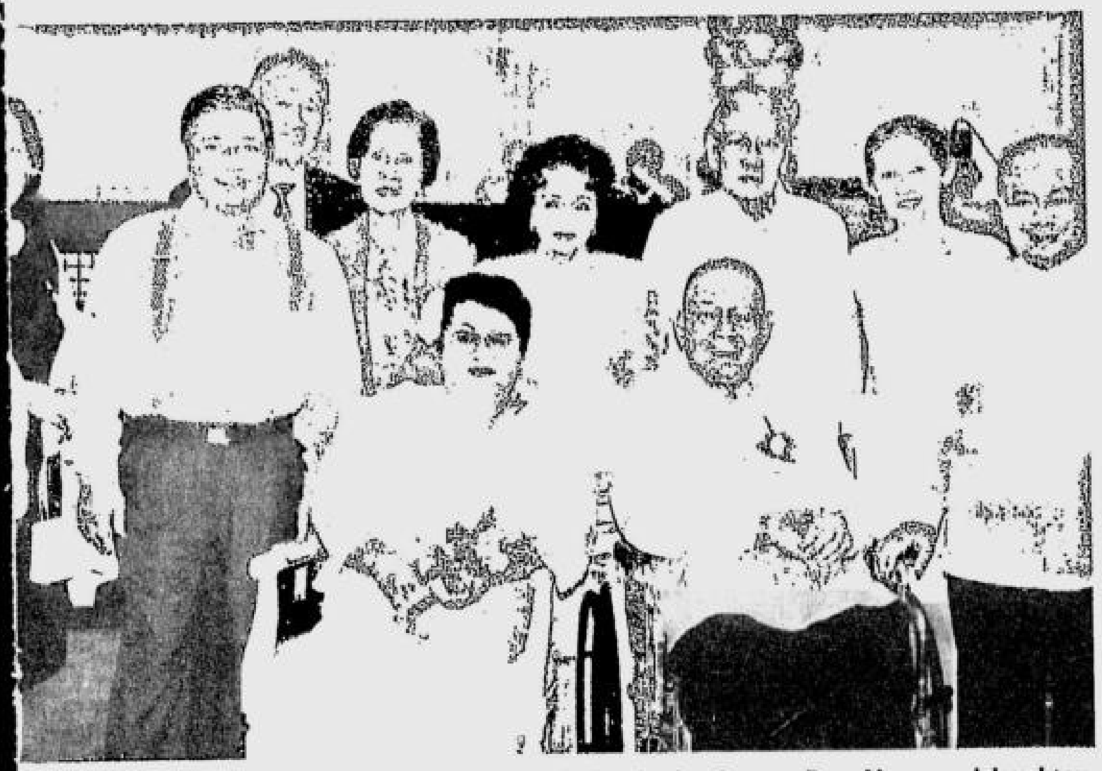

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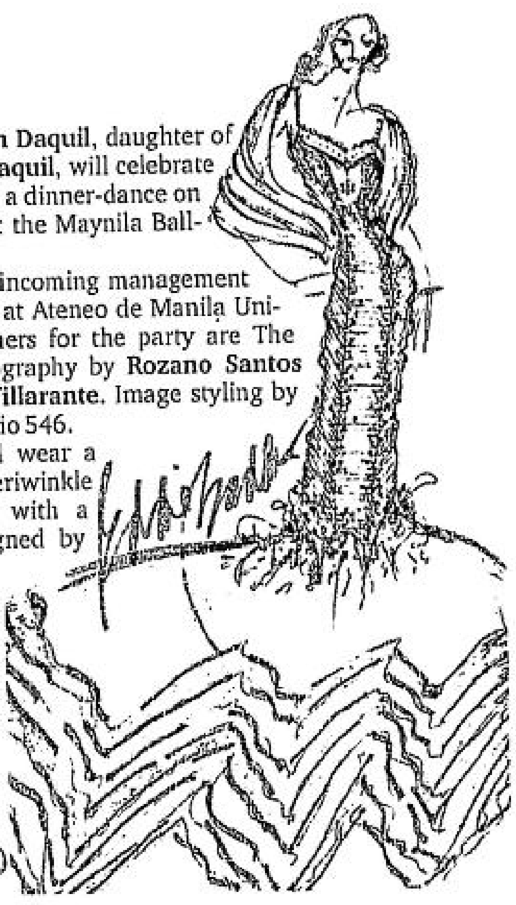
DAQUIL DEBUT

May Rachelle Dizon Daquil, daughter of **Maximo** and **Rosita Daquil**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance on June 18, 6:30 p.m., at the Maynila Ballroom of Manila Hotel.

May Rachelle is an incoming management engineering freshman at Ateneo de Manila University. Guest performers for the party are The Akafellas with choreography by **Rozano Santos** and direction by **Ed Villarante**. Image styling by **Eric Maningat** of Studio 546.

The debutante will wear a serpentine gown in periwinkle monochromatic blue with a touch of silver, designed by **Eddie Baddeo**.



MATANGUIHAN-BALHAG

Mandy
Precy

Precy Balhag, daughter of **Saturnino** and **Juliana Balhag**, will wed **Amando S. Matanguihan**, son of **Gregorio** and **Rosalinda Matanguihan**, today at the Most Holy Rosary Parish Church, P. Garcia, Batangas.

PITALLANO-ZUÑIGA

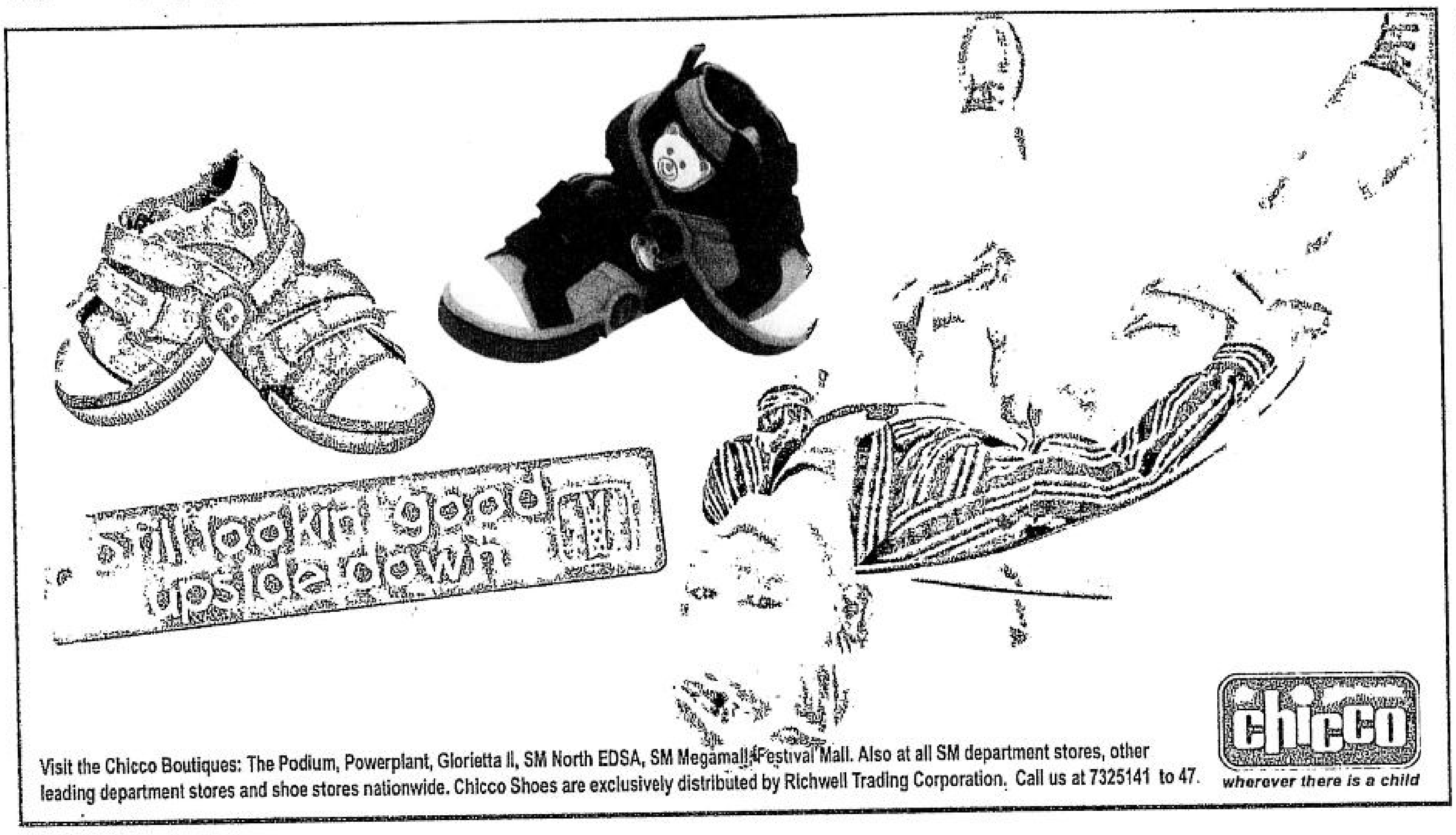
Edilberto Pitallano, son of **Zacarias** and **Tomasa Pitaliano** of Goa, Camarines Sur, will wed **Abegail Zuñiga**, daughter of **Gil** and **Nery Zuñiga** of Lagonoy, Camarines Sur, on June 18 at the Sts. Philip and James Parish Church, Lagonoy, Camarines Sur. Reception will be held at Lagonoy Sports Complex.

IKEDA-ONGPAUCO

Soeng Ongpauco, daughter of **Rod Ongpauco** and **Liberty Ilagan**, will wed **Bin Ikeda**, son of **Soichi Ikeda** and **Merlin Ignacio-Ikeda**, on June 19 at the National Shrine of St. Michael and the Archangels in San Miguel, Manila. The bride will wear a Japanese-inspired gown designed by **Njork**, while the entourage will be dressed in **Arielle Agasang**. Reception will be at Le Pavillion, Pasay City.

SENGCO-GOMEZ

Michael Sengco and Cathy Gomez exchanged marriage vows at Fernwood Garden in Quezon City last April 23.



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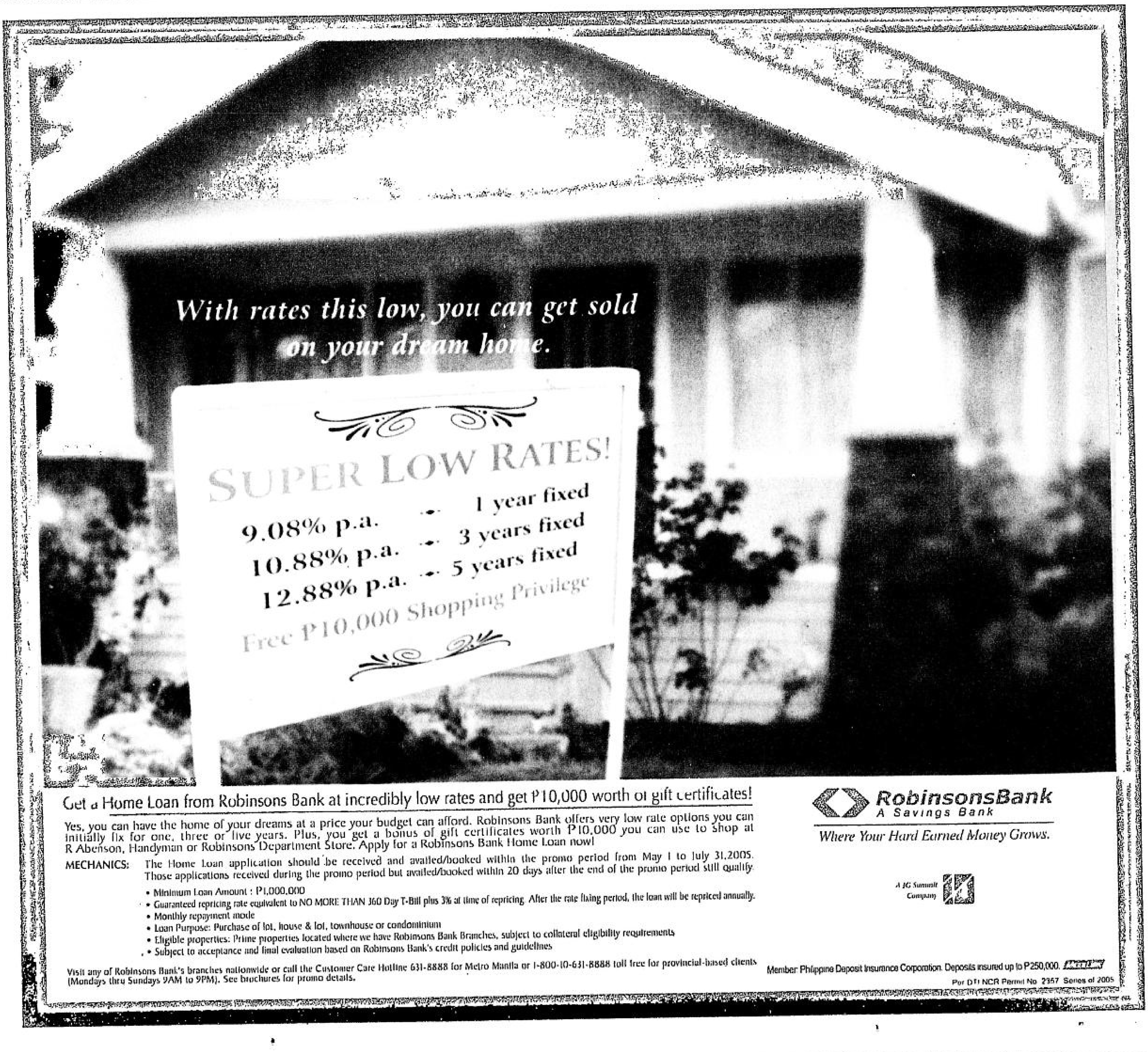

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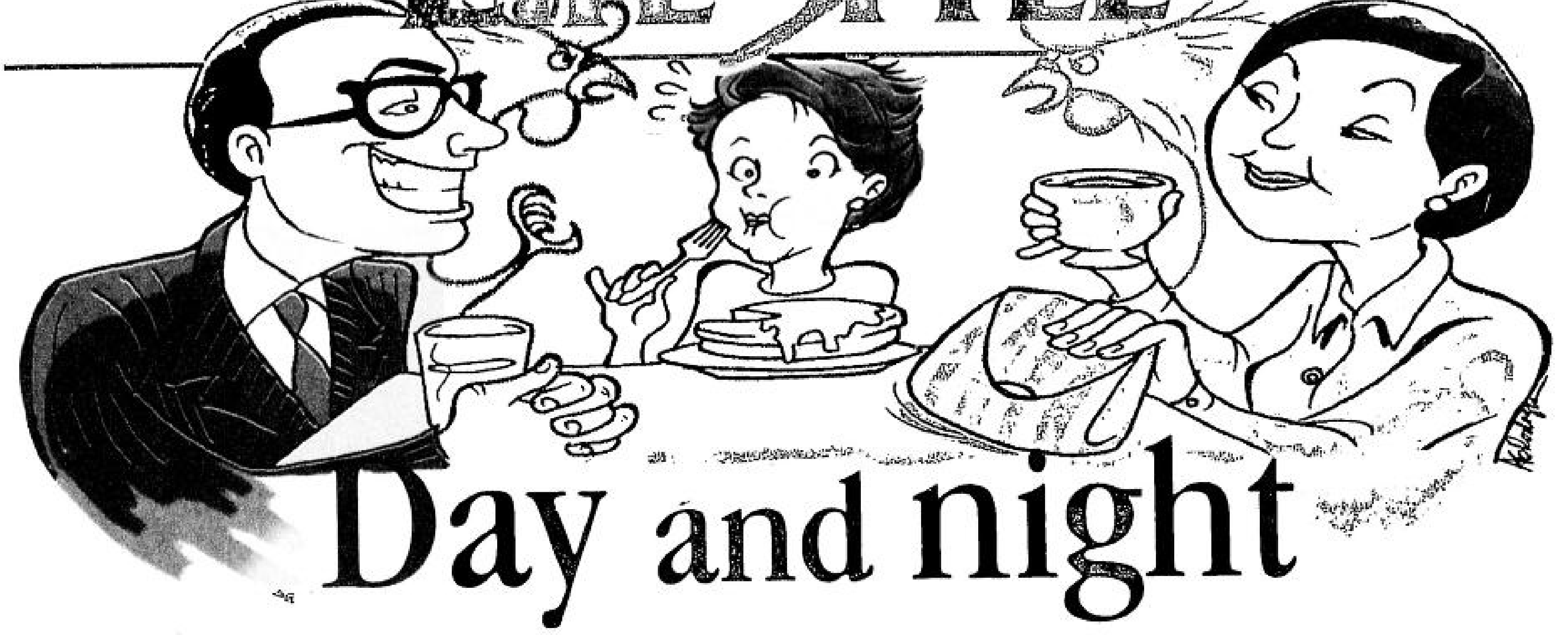

Day and night

In your sunset years, it is good to be too wise to be gotten the better of, yet curious enough to be still learning

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

IT WAS, like all mornings when I was still a book publisher, hectic. The seller (who was representing me) and the prospective wholesale buyer of my new, very expensive title were meeting, hopefully to make a deal, over brunch. They were both high-powered executives, with finely honed minds, and I looked forward to watching the crossing of swords.

It couldn't be breakfast because the seller had to be at his staff meeting at 9 a.m. and the buyer had to close some books of accounts in her office before 10 a.m.; it couldn't be lunch because the seller had a lunch meeting in Makati with a client (representing me was too small a deal to cancel it) and it couldn't be after 1 p.m. because the buyer was the speaker at a Rotary Club.

It had to be brunch, 11 a.m.sharp, and no-more, no-less than one hour, so it was I who struck off my (then) aerobics session.

One ordered *kalamansi* juice without sugar, the other coffee and toast. I had a stack of pancakes flooded with syrup and three country sausages. They faced each other like fighting-fit birds at a *gallera*. The buyer languidly twirled the button of her silk blouse with a finger, her charming dimples showing. The seller (with me cowering behind him) finished off his juice, pushed horn-rimmed glasses up his forehead and smiled disarmingly. And the duel began.

Good deal

How many copies do I have to commit to in order to be the exclusive distributor of your book? she asked. What are your terms? How many payments? Who will shoulder delivery costs? In the meantime, where can I keep the bulk? Do you have a bodega?

Four thousand pieces, no more, no less, said my seller, for that is what we can sell if divided among three dealers. But we like you, so we asked you first, 20 percent down, the rest in postdated checks. We will shoulder delivery. Yes, we have a bodega—but the price must be right if you intend to use it.

Quantity too big, said the cute and very sharp buyer. Lower the price and maybe we can talk. With what you have in mind I'll never make money. I have other businesses, this deal isn't that important to me.

One would nibble at the offer, the other throw out a more tempting bait but with shorter strings. Nibble, withdraw, nibble, withdraw. One big bite and there was a hook in your throat and a piranha circling around. For a moment it looked like no deal. Were they perhaps bluffing? You couldn't read from the dimples, the horn-rimmed glasses pushed up to the forehead, the disarming smiles of both.

The buyer snapped her bag shut. I was sure the sale was lost. Furiously I attacked the pancakes, my eyes sending daggers at my presentor: *Okay na yan*, give it already, what if she backs out? Instead, my seller gave her an ultimatum! (How could he be so cocksure!) The buyer wrinkled her nose and looked out the window.

I'll give you my decision on Friday, she said. (So, what now?)

I cannot be sure the books will be there on Friday, the seller said. Other people are interested, as I told you. I'll go down by P7 per book for goodwill and deliver tomorrow.

The buyer laughed. The deal was closed. They shook hands over the shambles of my pancakes. My seller smiled in ill-concealed glee. The buyer tried hard not to look like the pleased cat who had swallowed the canary. They had both made a good deal. Before the end of the year they would be making a lot of money. You don't learn techniques like this is business school, and I was in stunned admiration.

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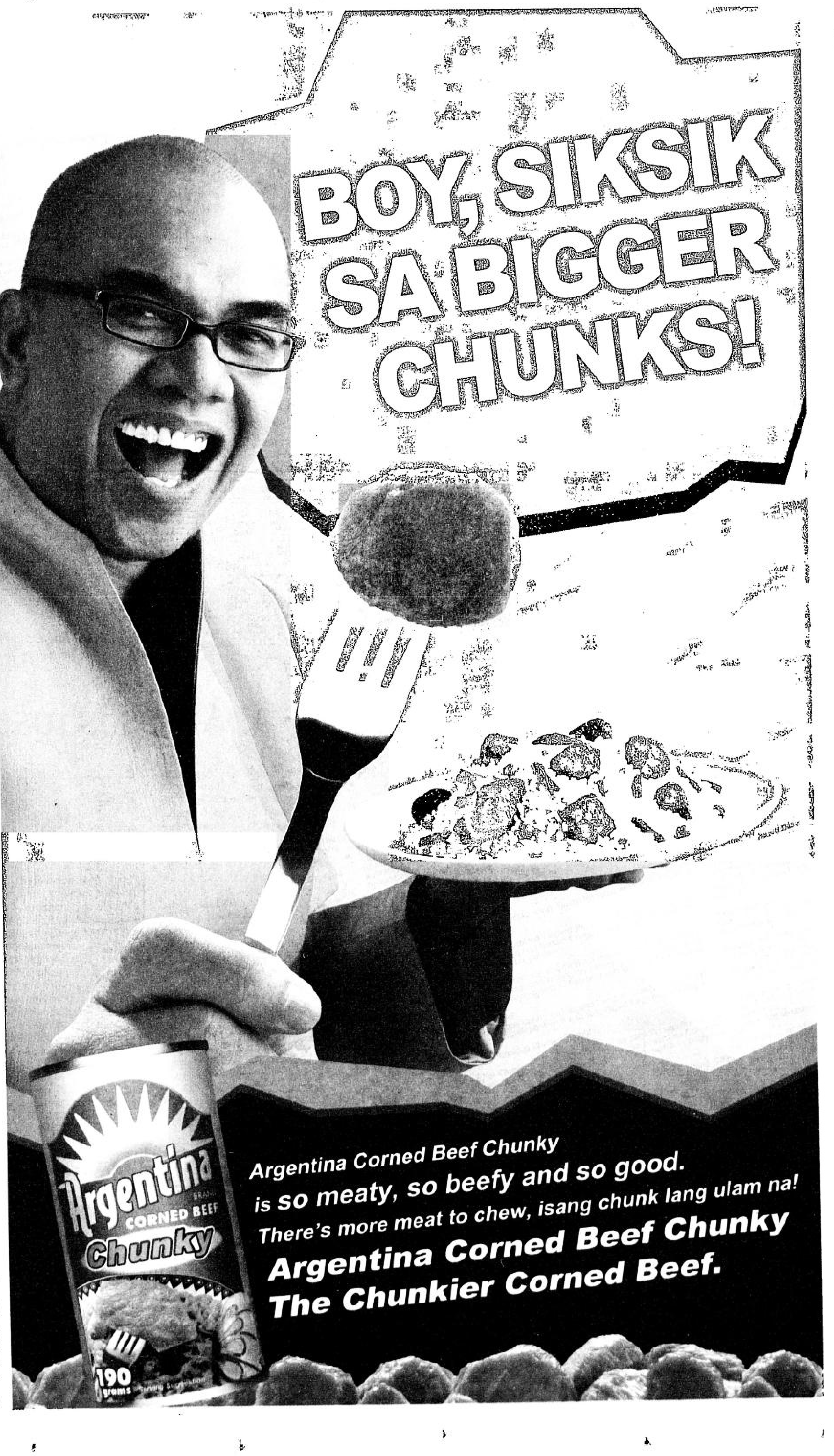

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MSGR. Samuel Bacculi gives a replica of Our Lady of Piat to Archbishop Fernando Capalla.

ARCHBISHOP Capalla and lawyer Reuben Abarquez crown Our Lady of Pita.

Davao archdiocese welcomes Our Lady of Piat in pilgrimage of peace

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

FROM April 30-May 31, Our Lady of Piat, patroness of Cagayan Valley up North, was brought to 31 parishes in the Archdiocese of Davao. Wherever she went, people touched her with their handkerchiefs and whispered prayers to her, believing that she would intercede for them. Flor Puno, manager of Cebu Pacific in Davao (the official carrier of our Lady), prayed fervently that her cancer of the breast would be cured. When the doctor examined her again, the cancer cells were gone.

Luz Binoya and husband James were just happy to serve. When he found out that our Lady was visiting Davao, James bought a pickup so the almost six-foot image could be easily transported from one parish to another. The parish in Marahan town is located in a mountainous area where farmers met Our Lady. The women prepared simple food like coffee and little pieces of meat for the visitors who came with our Lady.

Our Lady of Piat was the fifth Marian image brought to Davao in response to Pope John Paul's "Totus Tuus" and the celebration of the Eucharist with Mary. Carrying this task is the Davao Archdiocesian Marian Evangelizers led by Archbishop Fernando Capalla with Fr. Alfeo Botero as spiritual director.

I feel blessed to have been able to cover the last day of Our Lady of Piat on May 31. A concelebrated Mass officiated by Archbishop Capalla was held at Sta. Ana Parish. Lawyer Reuben Abarquez and his wife Corazon were the *hermanos mayores*. A replica of the image was given as a gift to Archbishop Capalla by Msgr. Samuel Bacculi, rector of the Basilica de Piat in Cagayan.

The people stayed long after the Mass, crowding around the Virgin and bidding her goodbye. Thanks to Annie Catotal for letting us stay in her beautiful house.

Julia Kim

Korean visionary Julia Kim will attend the Holy Mass of Fr. Gerry Orbos today, 6:30 p.m., at the Christ the King Seminary Church on E. Rodriguez Ave. QC. Julia, who venerated Our Lady of Naju and brings devotees up in a hilly part of Naju, is known to have been an instrument in many healings.

Executive Resources is preparing a pilgrimage to Naju from June 28-July 3 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the miracles. Several Eucharistic miracles have happened there. Call Annie at 9396528 or Cristina Aquino at 5238581, or text 0917-8500648.

Nuestra Señora de Dapitan

The chapel on 1272 Vicente Cruz Street, Sampaloc will celebrate on June 26 the 31st anniversary of the devotion to Nuestra Señora de Dapitan, which is being propagated by Leonor Martirez Ong, who is known as *Nanay* Dapitan.

It was in 1974 when Augusto Yulo gifted Leonor with an image of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary which was done by Maximo Vicente Sr. It is through this devotion that many have been converted.

Sto. Niño de Buena Obra

For 28 years now, Filipino visionary and healer Nila Almoradie has been propagating the devotion to Sto. Niño de Buena Obra. In a recent celebration of the feast day of the Niño, Fr. Fem Peregrino said Mass at the San Antonio de Padua Parish in Cavite City. Devotees donated sacks of rice and school supplies to the poor living in a squatter's area near the church.

Among them were former Sen. Raul Roco, Celia Molano, Ret. Commodore Lamberto Torres, Ret. Commodore Mariano Panes, Crescenciana Pancovilla, engineer Vicente Catingan, Mary Grace Enverga, Dr. Alex Tirona, District Supervisor Ordonez and Gloria Sakilayan. Nila Almoradie, an instrument of the Sto. Niño, does healing from Mondays to Saturdays at 551 San Rafael St., Cavite City. Call (046) 5040472 or text 0921-4125478 for appointment.

The Diocese of Imus will hold a Family Congress on June 18, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Sister of Mary, Girlstown, Biga, Silang, Cavite. The theme is Orientation to Family and Life Ministry, Family Defense and Natural Family Planning. Main speakers are Fr. Delfin Felipe, director of Simbayanan in the Archdiocese of Manila and Linda Ganar, national coordinator for Billings Method. Call Diocesan Family Life office at (046) 4711998.

Rosellyn Magsaysay

Rosellyn Magsaysay, wife of former Zambales vice governor Vic Magsaysay, propagated the devotion to Ina Poon Bato in 1981 when Mother Therese Vicente, daughter of Maximo Vicente Sr., gave her the image.

Much later, the Ina Poon Bato Foundation began to help communities in the province like in San Narciso town where women each gave P10 to a bereaved family who cannot afford to bury their dead. The foundation is also building the shrine of Ina Poon Bato in Botolan, Zambales.

Women seeing her capacity to lead voted Mrs. Magsaysay as president of the National Council of Women of the Philippines on June 4 at Quezon City Sport Complex.

Preparing a child for school

We are always glad to know that there are people who prepare children for school in a non stressful way. Claire Toralba has prepared a program starting June 24. Text her at 0917-7962515.

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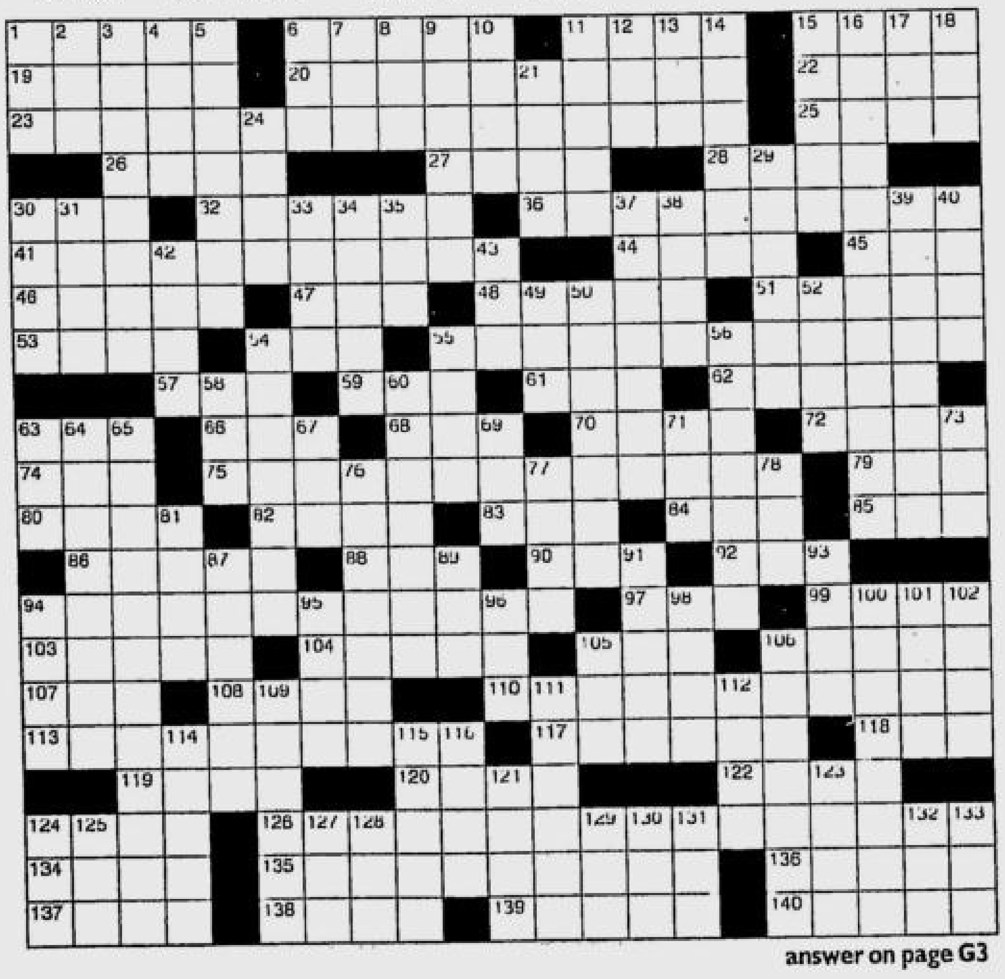

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A kiss is just a kiss

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR EMILY,

I'm a 28-year-old Filipina living in New Jersey, married and have a daughter who's 6 years old. I've been separated from my husband for almost six years now because he is serving a prison term.

I've been a faithful wife all those years without him. My routine has consisted of work and taking care of our small business, being a good mother and doing household chores.

I work out in a gym where I meet guys who make passes. But that has not been a problem as I immediately brush them off with my usual "I'm married" pose. Recently, I started hanging out with like-minded friends from the gym who go, as a group, to bars and dance halls to practice what they've learned in gym dance class.

This was where I met this Spanish man who started class when I was absent for four months.

The first time he went out with our group he started dancing with the most senior Spanish woman. Then, he danced with me. I noticed he didn't dance with the other women anymore.

While dancing, he told me he liked me very much and I right away told him, "I'm married!" He told me he's married too and had two kids.

When we met in the gym again, he just said hello and walked on.

The next time the group went out again, we danced with so many different partners before we ended up with each other. This time, he just held me and didn't let me dance with the others anymore.

In the middle of a dance, he kissed me. I was so dumbfounded but I found myself returning the kiss. I stopped after a few seconds because I remembered that it's wrong and I was married. I like him but I love my husband. I admit I missed passionate kissing so much.

We've seen each other since then and we just carry on like nothing happened. He has not said anything at all. My question is, should I ask him why he kissed me? I think kissing is not bad as long as it doesn't progress into sex, right?

It's been a year since I was kissed because, where my husband is now, conjugal visits are not allowed.

Why this guy is not talking to me about what happened is a puzzle. Is he just playing with me or what? He asked me again the other day if I was married and I said "Yes." He claims he is actually divorced, but I heard from one of my group leaders that he's going to follow his wife in Ecuador.

Honestly, I can't trade my husband for him because my husband has money and I don't know anything about him. I want security and I go out with my friends just for fun. I love dancing but I don't flirt with guys.

Should I avoid him next time? I know he's going to be there again and I love hanging out with the group. We just want to have fun and dancing is a great exercise.

JC

Guess what! You already know all the answers to your questions. You just want someone to shake you and put some sense back into your head.

Dancing is a very intimate activity. You touch, you look in each other's eyes, you whisper into each other's ears with your lips almost touching each other's skin—you get the drift... Dancing, especially the Latin variety, is so sensual, so provocative, so intimate.

This guy got carried away—most probably by the music, the touch of your skin, the smell of your hair —who knows? But he did, and it was no big deal to him, obviously.

Had this been the era of Maria Clara, you could have whispered "no" and the whole *rayadillo* of the barangay would have run after this guy. But this is the new millennium and kissing has become the new "handshake." Not even a casual French would merit a sleepless night for many women nowadays. Kissing is so commonplace. After a kiss is washed off, it's dead, gone and forgotten.

You yourself said you hadn't been kissed passionately for "a long time." Savor it if you still want to, then toss it in the waste can.

Don't, don't, don't ask him why and act like it's nothing to you. Treat him as coolly as he is treating you. If he were interested, he'd have gotten your home or cell phone number. He would have been relentless in his pursuit had that kiss meant something to him. He's not into you, period.

You had fun for a while. It was good while it lasted. Now, while you're melting more fat in the gym, melt the memory of that louse as well. He ain't worth it.

E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letters to INQUIRER. *Listen to Ms Marcelo co-host the program "Kalikasan Vigilante," 7:15-8:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, on dwBR 104.3 FM.*

Day and night

From page G1

Meditation circle

The evening was for unwinding. My neighbor Sylvia stepped in for a chat and an after-dinner coffee with amaretto. Soon her friend, François, who was a mimist and French, was on the phone inviting us to complete a meditation circle of nine to make contact with some extraterrestrial beings.

The ashram (temple, stupid) was barely 10 minutes away. It wasn't exactly my cup of amaretto but if you have walked on the edge of a blade in the morning, you need to talk to a Martian in the evening.

Hubby was sound asleep. On tiptoe Sylvia and I put on purple lipstick in the master toilet. I fluffed my then kinky hair, put on blue eye shadow and long khaki shorts. *Mukha tayong* WAC, Sylvia giggled all the way to her car. (I hadn't heard that word since World War II).

Aside from the Frenchman, there were, in the ashram, an old Javanese guru in a batik sarong, a young Indonesian student, an antique collector, a composer who was an architect, a Muslim business professor and a nice host who provided the cushions, the joss sticks and the atmosphere.

Everyone (but Sylvia and me) had eaten vegetables all day to clear their vision. If you are a vegetarian you would be good enough to eat because you are flowers and fruits, not a cemetery, David, the antique collector, told me.

David was lying prone on the floor having his charkas aligned by this guru, Arifin. The rest of us sat on the carpet drinking water. Mon, the architect, picked up his guitar and plucked clear, simple notes, singing under his breath. Jojo, the Muslim professor, whistled, very high and soft, like calling a flock to prayer. Later on he slid a harmonica out of his pocket and played that softly too, sad like departures, lonely like a rain-washed street.

Having no instrument, the Frenchman beat a wooden stool with his palms like *tabla* drums and somehow that fitted, too. Sylvia began singing a canticle but got lost.

Mon's big toes wiggled in an ecstasy of guitar strumming. I felt like reaching out a finger and tasting him, and Dave and Jojo and Arifin—what were these beautiful, angelic creatures made of? Certainly not ordinary flavors like strawberry or vanilla that I was accustomed to—a touch of turmeric in ice cream maybe, or a dash of wild honey?

Learning experience

Peaceful, contemplative people. They would never be as tough as nails or as sharp as razor blades; they would never learn how to stalk each other for the best deal. Before eating, we apologize to the fish and the vegetables because we have to eat them to live, said Mon. (I feel guilty about not having apologized to the pancakes.) David said, I pray before meals so I can lay my fate in His hands—so what the vegetables or the fish or the meat do to my body becomes His responsibility. Her, Sylvia corrected David.

For an hour we sat in a circle in lotus position, our knees touching, and although we never did establish contact with the ET's it was as much a learning experience as the morning's. A mellow mood had settled on us all. We were in tune with one another and creation. It was as if the last of the full moon had to throw together just such a group as this.

And that was the yin and the yang, and the zing and the zang, of the beginning of my sunset years. It was good to enter sunset because you were too wise to be gotten the better of, yet curious enough still to be learning; not sufficiently arthritic to stop dancing, yet too old to want to sleep in the ashram (so your husband doesn't mind when you tell him all about it in the morning!). So who wants to be 18?

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Koreans find English haven in RP

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stressful environment.

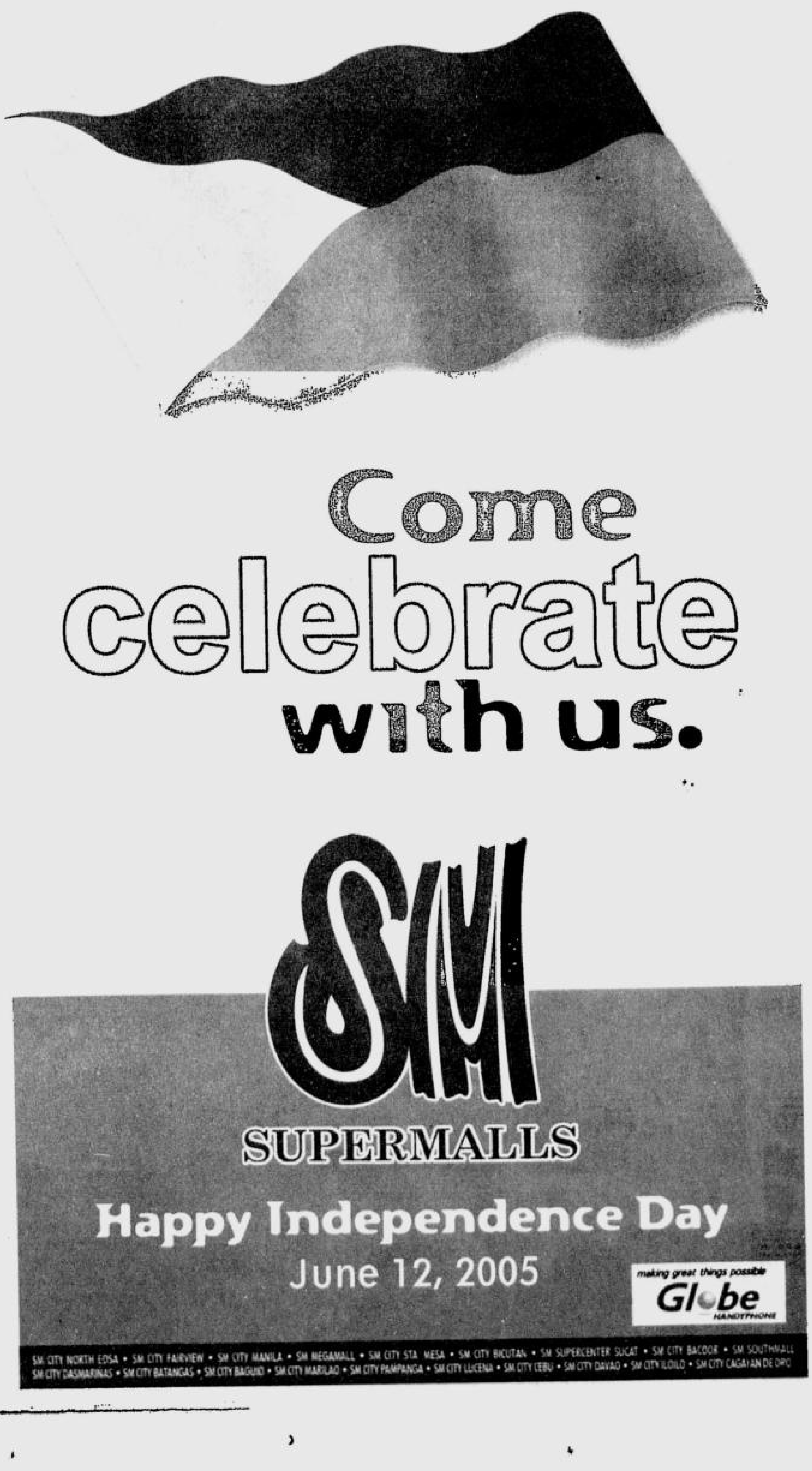
By now a typical sight in Baguio City, these groups of young, fair-skinned, Oriental foreigners navigate the murky waters of basic English grammar, pronunciation, intonation, pitch, vocabulary, reading comprehension and expression. On weekends, the Korean students fill the city's streets, malls, parks and various tourist attractions.

A typical school day for Hong would be eight hours of studying: four hours of one-on-one classes and four hours of group classes with discussion, movie viewing, listening, presentation and writing.

After class, Hong, like many Koreans, usually studies from 8 p.m. to midnight or in the morning. It is a vigorous, intensive, comprehensive schedule that Hong, and other students, do not mind undergoing. After all, in the long run, it will benefit not only her, but also her future children, whom she plans to teach English.

"I've only been here three months," Hong says, "but I already have confidence and I like English more and more. After I go back to Korea, I will continue studying. I'm not afraid to go back, lest I forget my English," she says.

And though watching movies can be difficult, Hong is beginning to understand them better. Maybe soon, she can laugh with the Filipino audience at the funny parts of the movies. This can only indicate her confidence, something that she can someday say the Philippines gave her.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Koreans find English haven in RP

By Michelle Bayaua
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Korean women competing for jobs with men back home find themselves empowered by learning English in the Philippines

BAGUIO CITY—It is a Saturday, a day of relaxation, of unwinding. The movie theater is crowded, where Filipinos and foreigners alike, sit in anticipation and excitement over the movie. It is yet another foreign language film—of the many typical blockbusters that flood the Filipino market. As the lights dim and the screen flickers to life, a hushed silence descends upon the audience.

Korean student Mo Ran Hong, sits watching the commercials and movie trailers flash by, barely understanding the words spoken by American superstars such as Keanu Reeves, Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise. As the main feature starts, she braces herself. She has left her English-Korean electronic dictionary at home, and she knows, as she always does, that it is going to be one achingly arduous movie to watch.

The movie has begun, and the actors talk in their American accents, making esoteric jokes and references to American pop culture. A ripple of laughter spreads among the Filipino audience. They understand the nuances. Hong can barely grasp the conversations. As she relates it, "It is a challenge to go to a movie. The conversations are very fast. Listening and understanding is difficult."

Necessity

This scenario clearly illustrates one of the many reasons why Korean students have flocked to the Philippines to learn English. As the world gets smaller and smaller and as globalization continues to spread, English has fast become the language of trade, education, politics. And yes, even entertainment.

As Hong says, "English is very important."

Hong, 25, a molecular-biology graduate who worked for a few years and visited countries such as China and the Philippines before deciding to study English again, had realized long ago the necessity of learning English.

"I'm interested in international trade," she explains.

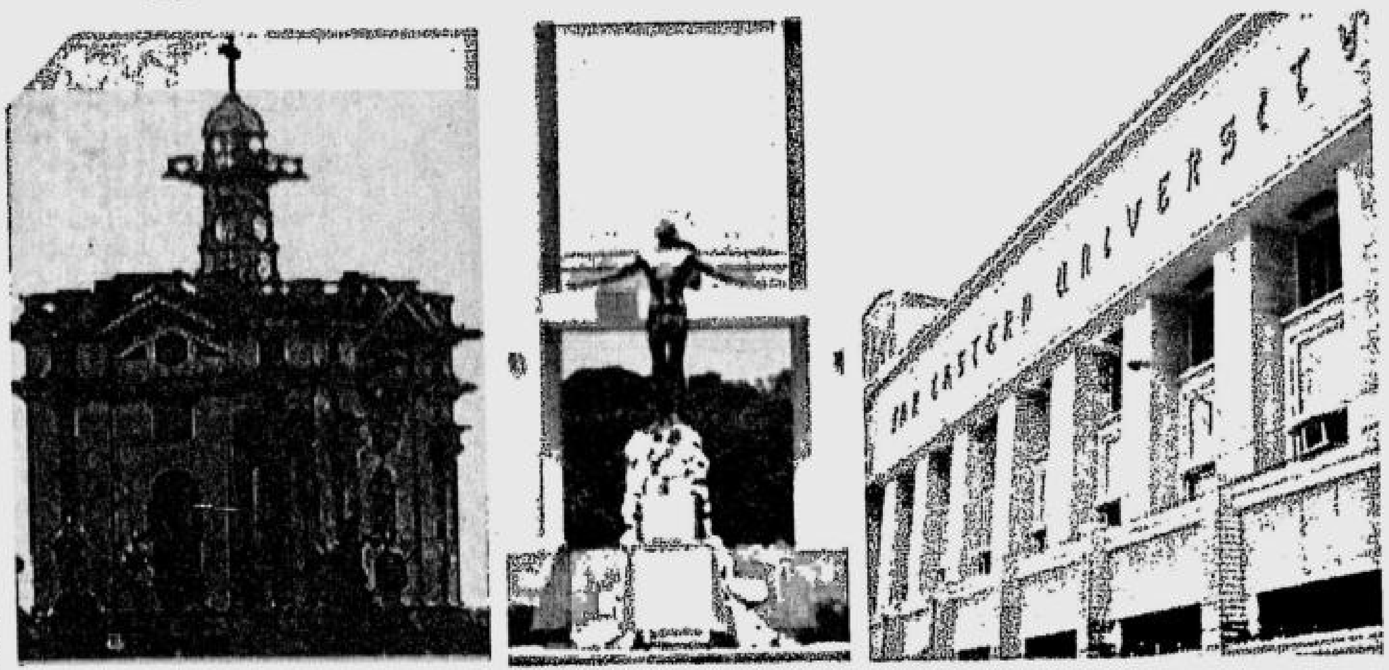
International companies who have established offices and factories in Korea now demand a proficiency in English from their Korean employees, best tested through the Test of English in International Communication (TOEIC) and the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) as well as job interviews.

Those who pass the tests and the interviews increase their chances of getting hired and, also, of getting promoted. Students who have traveled abroad specifically to learn English, especially to a native English-speaking country, increase their chances of getting hired.

Competing for jobs

And because Korean culture, like other Oriental cultures, is patriarchal, conservative and Confucian-based, women right away have a setback when competing for jobs with a man. A man who is more proficient in the language, but less competent and qualified, may have more chances of getting a job than a woman who may be more competent and qualified but is not proficient in English, a reality that Korean women all know too well. This makes learning English even more imperative for women.

"Generally, a man gets a job more easily than a woman," Moon Ki Park, a male student studying in the Philippines, says. He adds that a man's chances of getting promoted and of getting a high salary are better than that of a woman.



YOUNG Koreans enroll in top Philippine schools to immerse themselves in a society where English is widely spoken.

Yu Jin Won, 21, says that she has fears of not getting a job because she feels that her university is not prestigious (such as say, Seoul's Korean National University or Yon Sei University), and her English still not proficient. Shy and pretty, she hopes though that learning English will help her.

Another student, Seung Hong Park, says that if he does not know English, he will end up working in a factory, not in an office.

According to the Population Reference Bureau, an international NGO based in the USA keeping track of population related data, there is a high unemployment rate in South Korea, with approximately 1.2 million Koreans jobless, or 4.1 percent, of which more than half are women.

And the interest in learning English can be as simple as wanting to appreciate English films, music and articles, as dubbed American films or translated American music leave much to be desired.

Immersion is key

Why the need to study English abroad?

Hong explains in disconnected sentences, "The problem is that, our education in Korea, when we were children, we never learned English. It was difficult."

She further explains, "Before, English was not important to our parents. They thought learning English was a luxury. Now, Koreans think English is important."

Another problem that Korean education and students faced was the lack of competent English teachers. "Even though we had English teachers, they never spoke in English," Hong points out. "They explained English grammar in Korean. In my case, in our English classes, I learned only vocabulary words and grammar."

"We didn't have a chance to speak English," she continues. "Immersion is very important."

Thus, most Korean students opt to leave the country to study abroad, staying anywhere from two to six months to a year in a foreign country, to force themselves to speak English. The country of choice is the United States, Canada and Australia. But a lot of students find the cost of living and education there very high, forcing them to work while studying and impeding their chances of concentrating in learning the language.

Hence, Korean students choose the Philippines as an alternative. The Philippines, being the only Asian country which uses both its native official language—Filipino and English—is the country of choice for Korean students who cannot afford to go to a first-world, native English-speaking country. With its low cost of living and low tuition (students spend on the average P40,000-P60,000 a month), coupled with competent Filipino teachers, Korean students get the best of both worlds.

"I like it here," Hong says. "I have already adapted to the environment."

Won agrees. "It is cheaper than other countries."

Aside from this, Koreans find it easier to adjust to Filipinos more, as they are still Asians—with a culture that is both eastern and western.

"Filipinos are very kind," Won says. Thus, adjusting to both a foreign language and culture here, prepares them and gives them more confidence to go to a native English-speaking country.

Booming market

Because many Koreans have flocked to the Philippines to study, teaching English as a second language (ESL) has enjoyed a boom in a lot of regions, particularly in Baguio City, where Hong, Won and Park are.

Baguio currently has about 5,000 Korean students studying in the city from two to six months, according to a Korean school official here. Most students come to Baguio not only because the standard of living is less costly than, say, Manila, but also because of the cool climate and the comfortable, less

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So who indeed had the strongest motive to kill Jerson Morales?

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Cynthia

Cynthia also didn't have a motive for killing Jerson. Jerson, after all, did not blackmail her. The money she gave him wasn't a bribe to protect herself from unwanted publicity but to help Jerson provide for Jeng's maternity expenses.

Jeng

The only crime Jeng was guilty of was that she deceived Jerson into thinking she was pregnant and guilt-ridden for having lied to Jerson, she attempted to commit suicide.

Pipo

You also exonerated Pipo. He took the money, sure, but only because he was afraid of what would become of his daughter, Jeng, especially because Jerson didn't want to marry her. Besides, the police established he was still at his post at the time Jerson was murdered.

Vivienne

How about Vivienne you asked? It had occurred to her to call off the wedding sensing that their relationship might not work even before Jeng could tell her about her affair with Jerson. Remember too that Jerson, in his blog, attested to Vivienne's faithfulness and loyalty to him.

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Ah, but Barton! Barton came back from the States when he found his father was dying after leading a wasteful life there. You remembered him saying that he wanted to take care of his father's businesses and yet as soon as his father passed away, he declared he was going to sell his father's properties and go back to the States.

You remembered, too, his father being quoted as asking Barton to help him tie-up loose ends— to help make it up to his other son, Jerson, who had rebuffed him. So Barton had tracked Jerson down by reconnecting with Vivienne. But in the many times Barton had seen Jerson, Barton never once talked to Jerson about his father's wish, never once introduced himself as his half-brother. Why?

Barton

The answer eventually became obvious: Jerson was the only person who had stood in the way of his inheriting their father's entire wealth. Barton needed to get rid of him.

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The second floor was as good a place as any to start, as many fashion and accessory shops are located there including the Fashion Market. The stars had a great time searching for perfect finds at Kikay, Sepatu, Monnakiki, IFU, Secosana, Kirin Kirin, Gibi House, M2M, ENY, Apple & Eve, Studio AK, C2 Collezione, Cose, Hush Puppies, IT Store, Folded & Hung, Paperdolls and Ang Gara.

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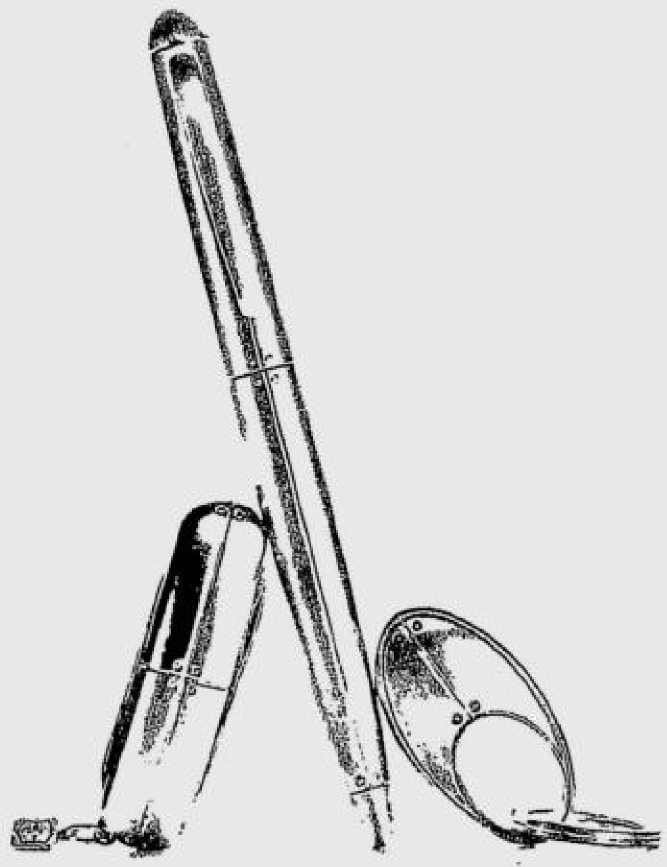
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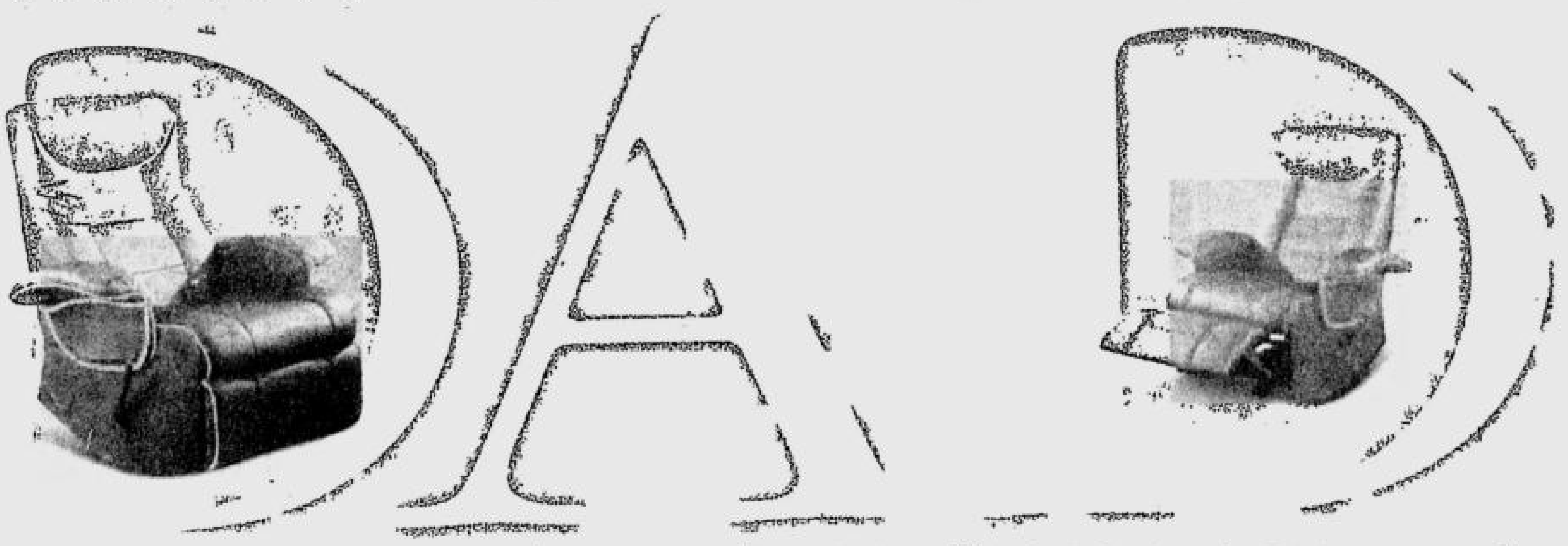
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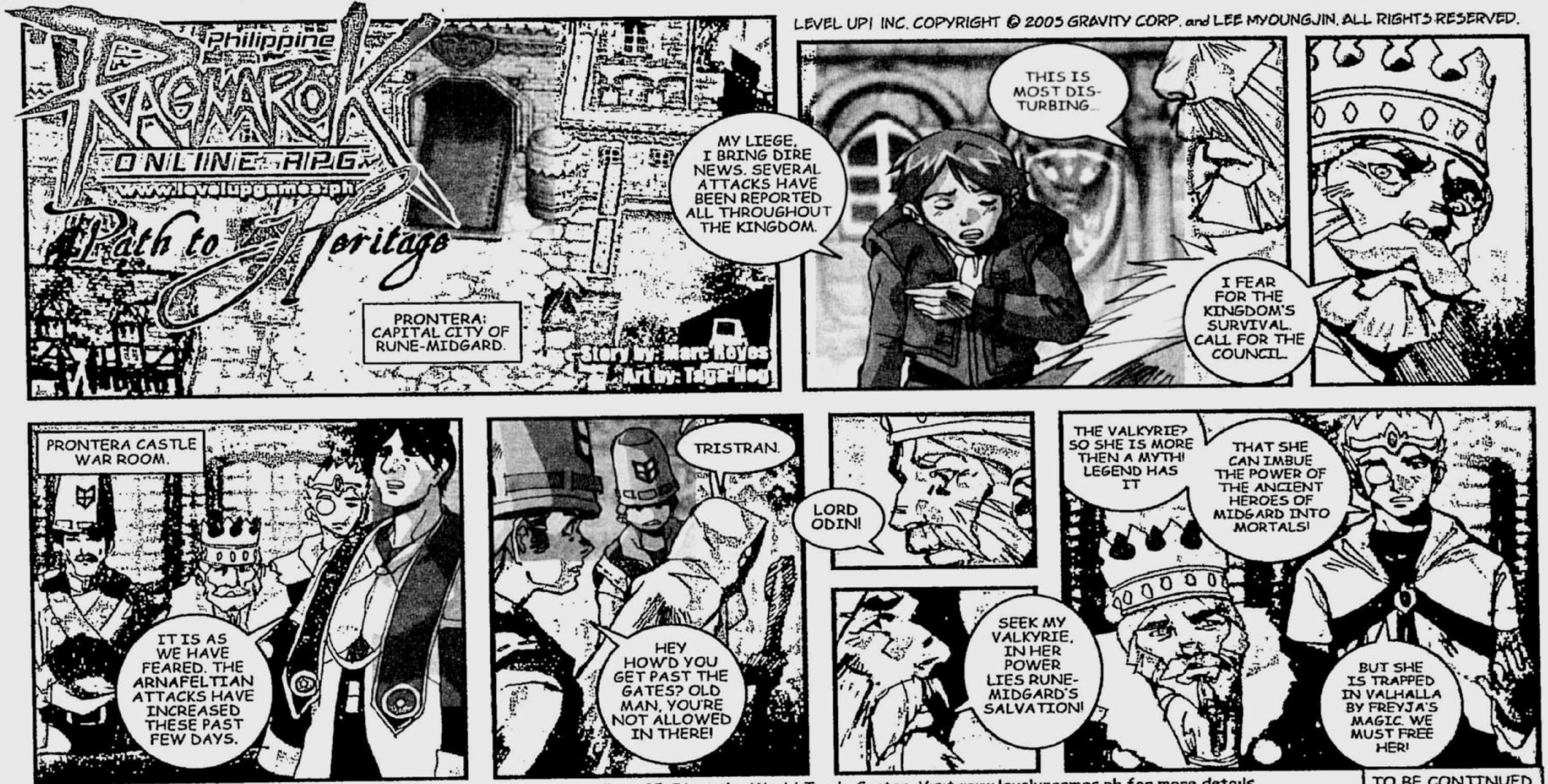
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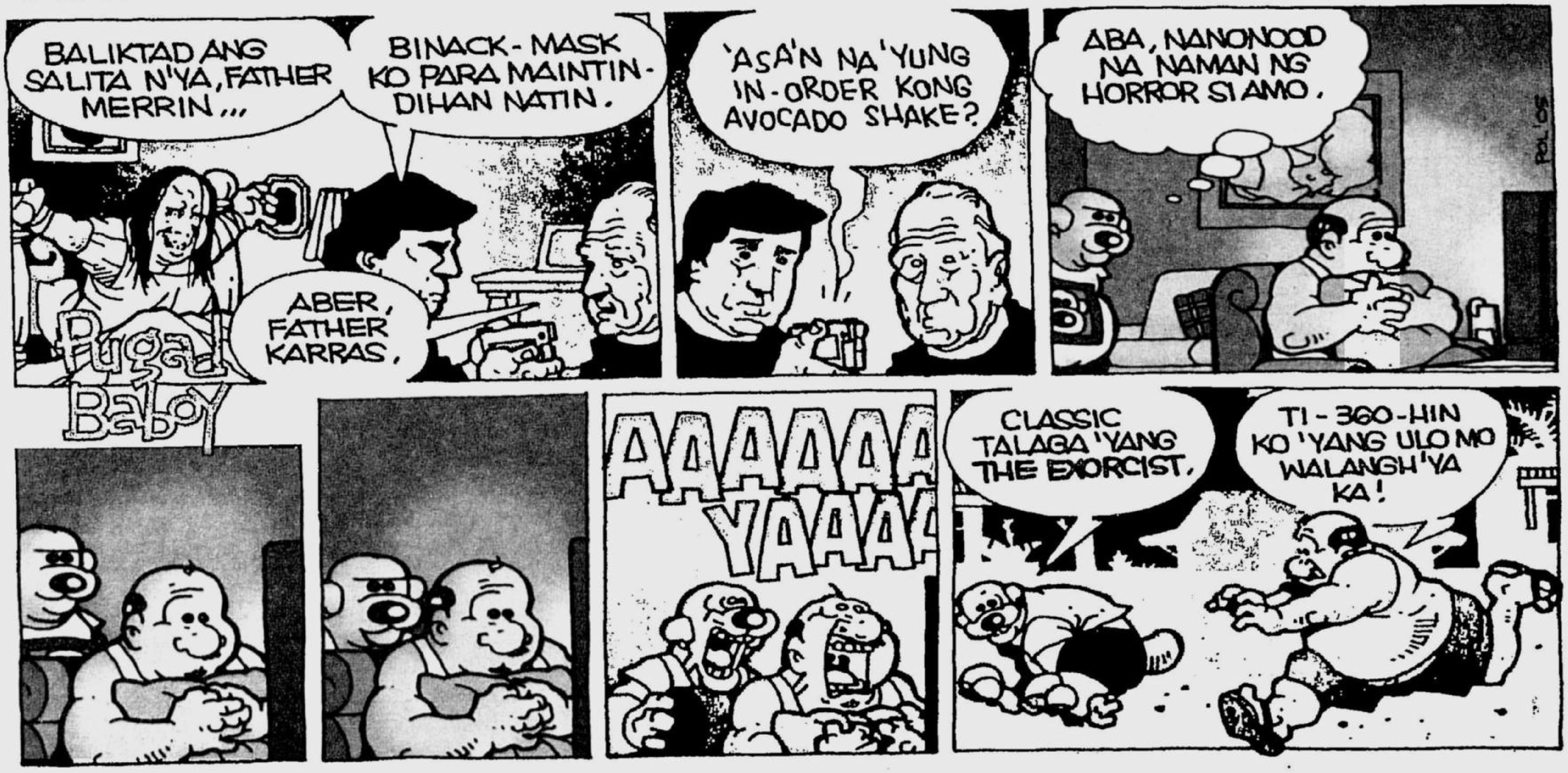
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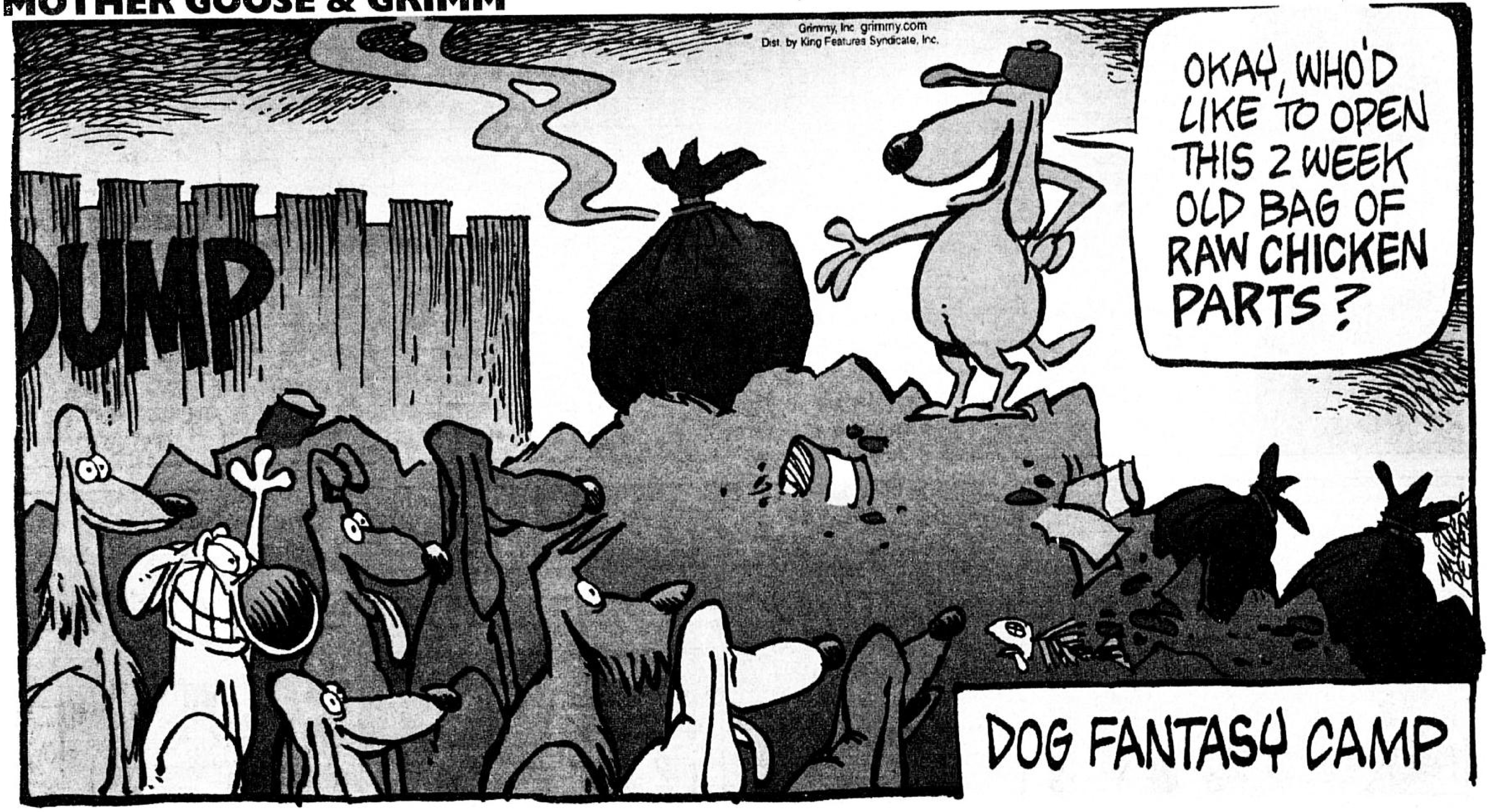
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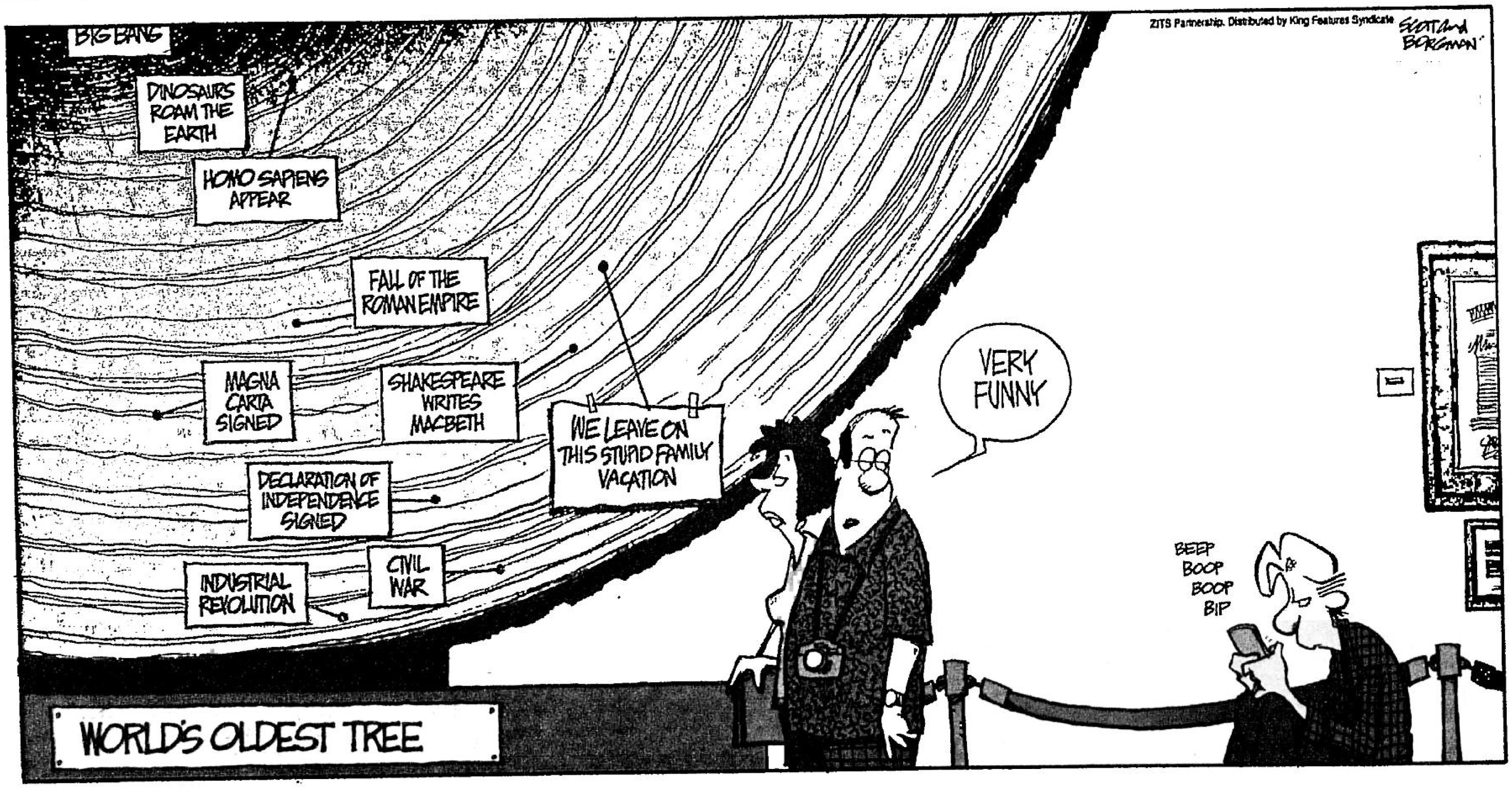
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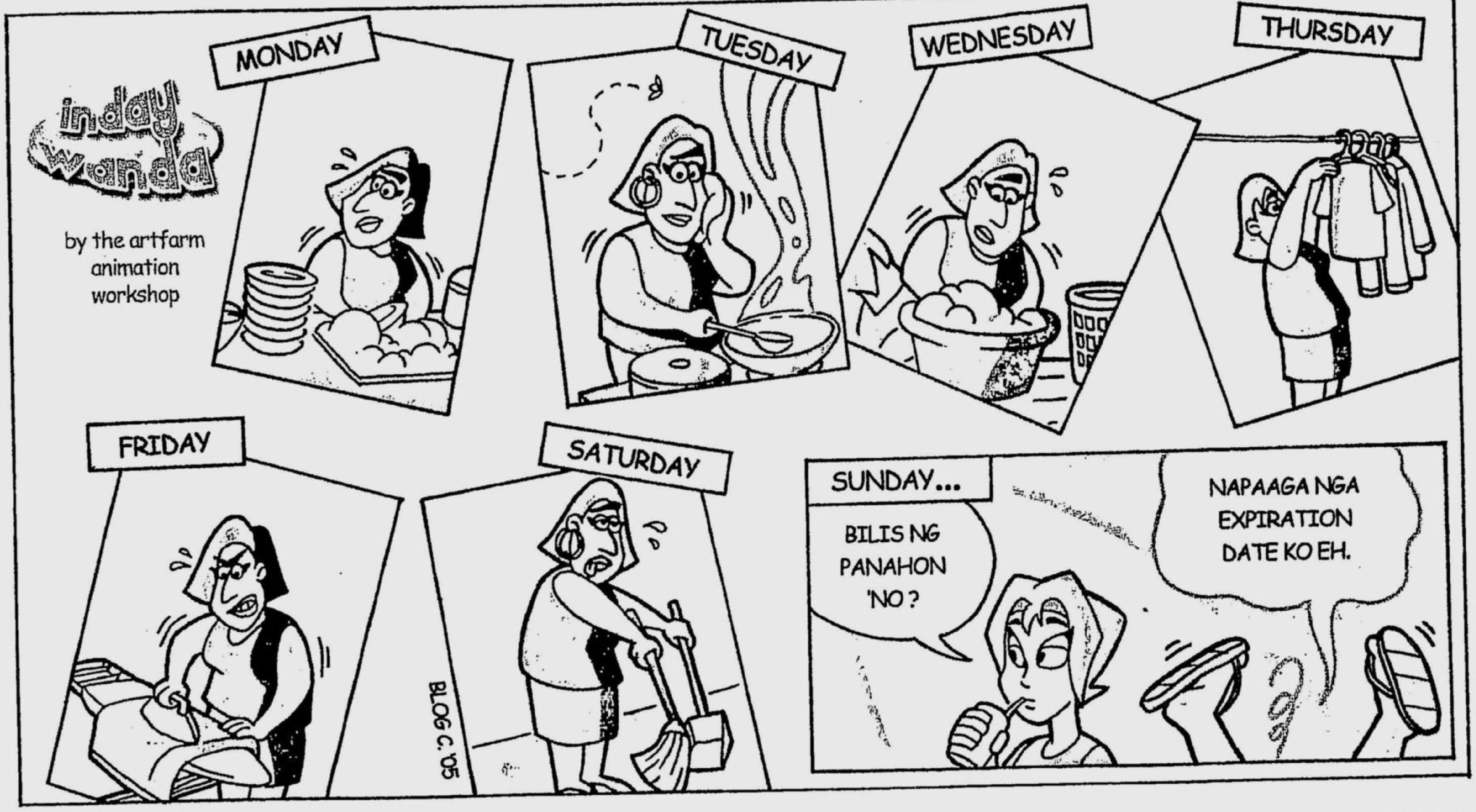
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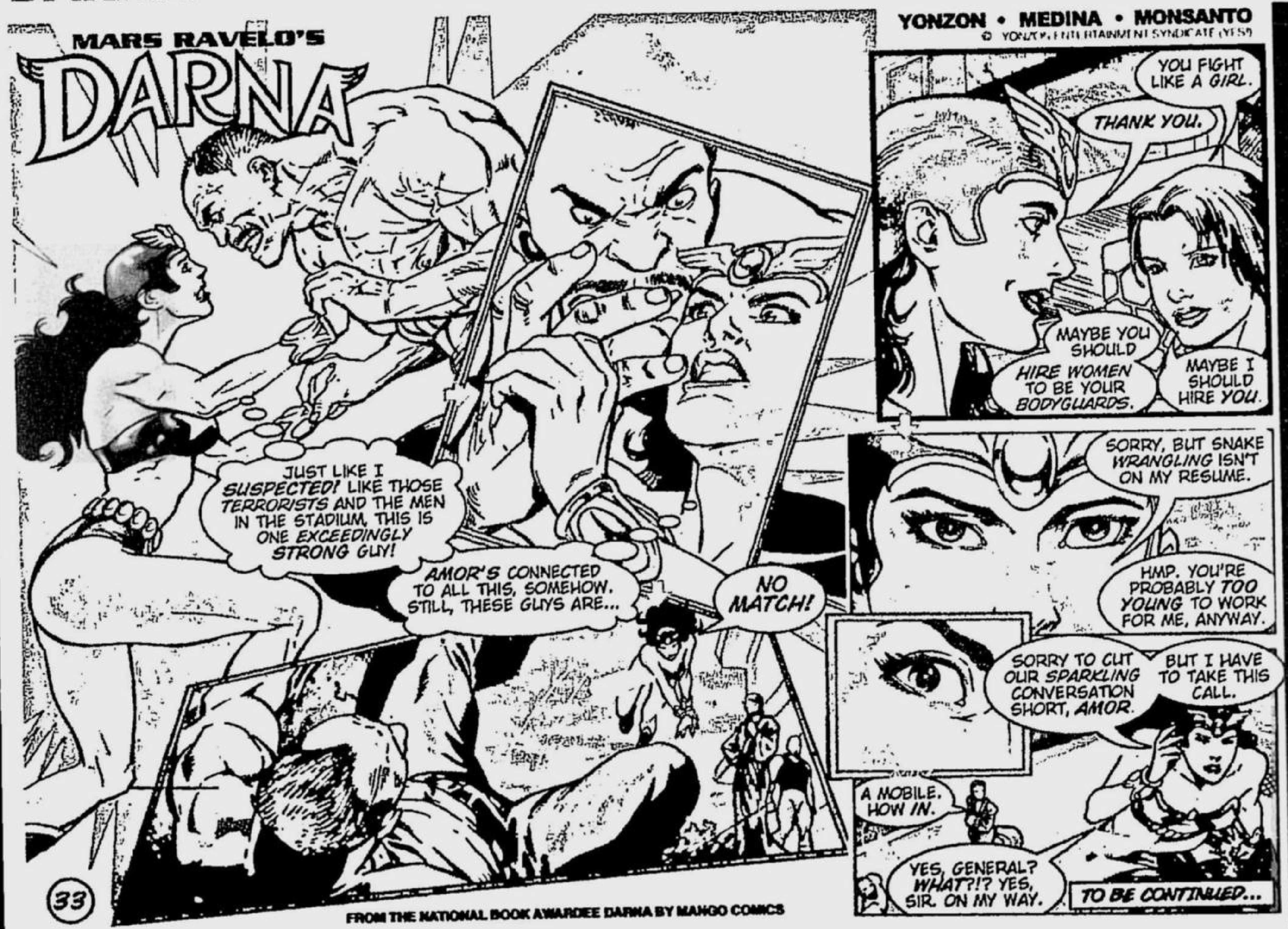
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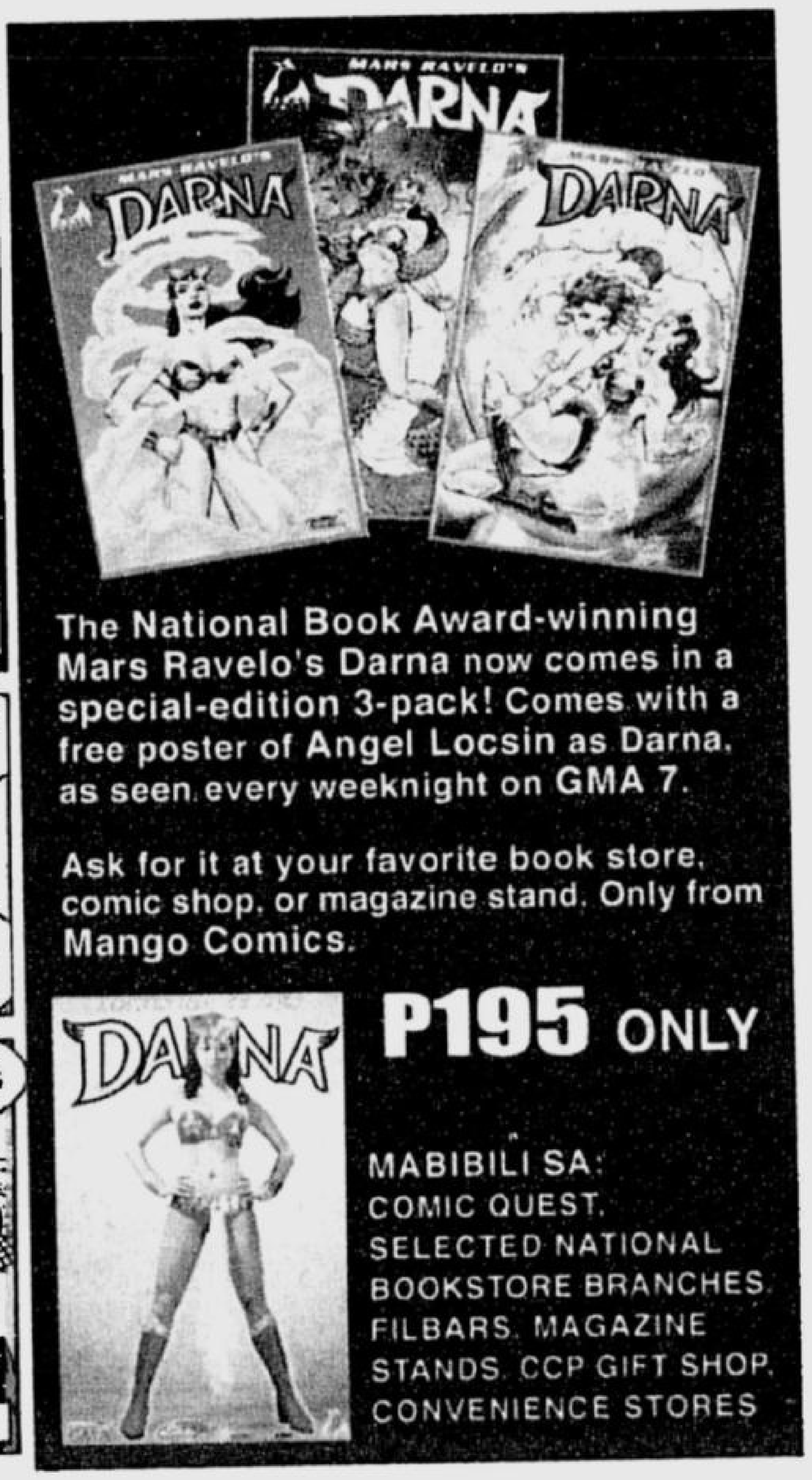
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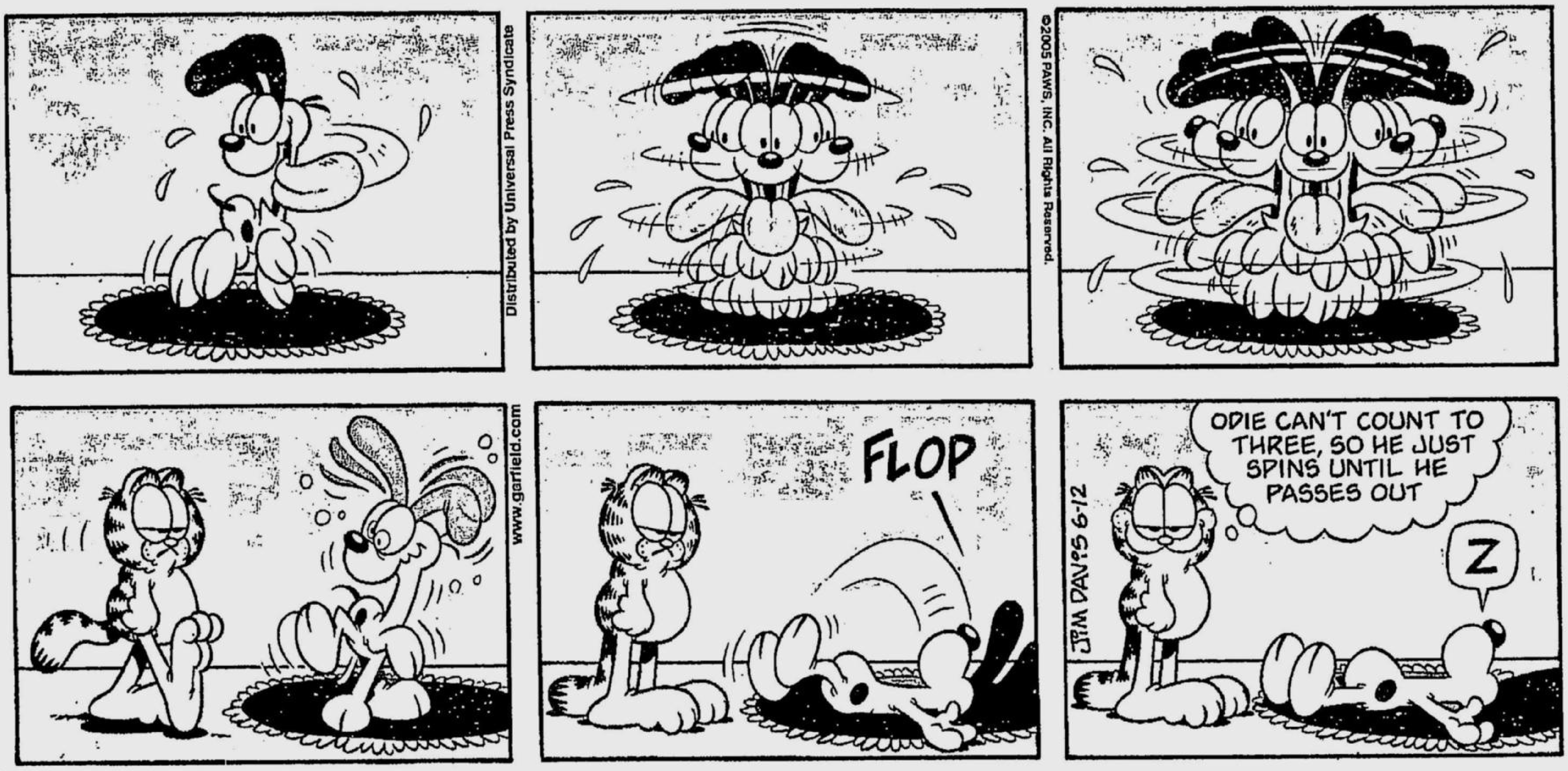
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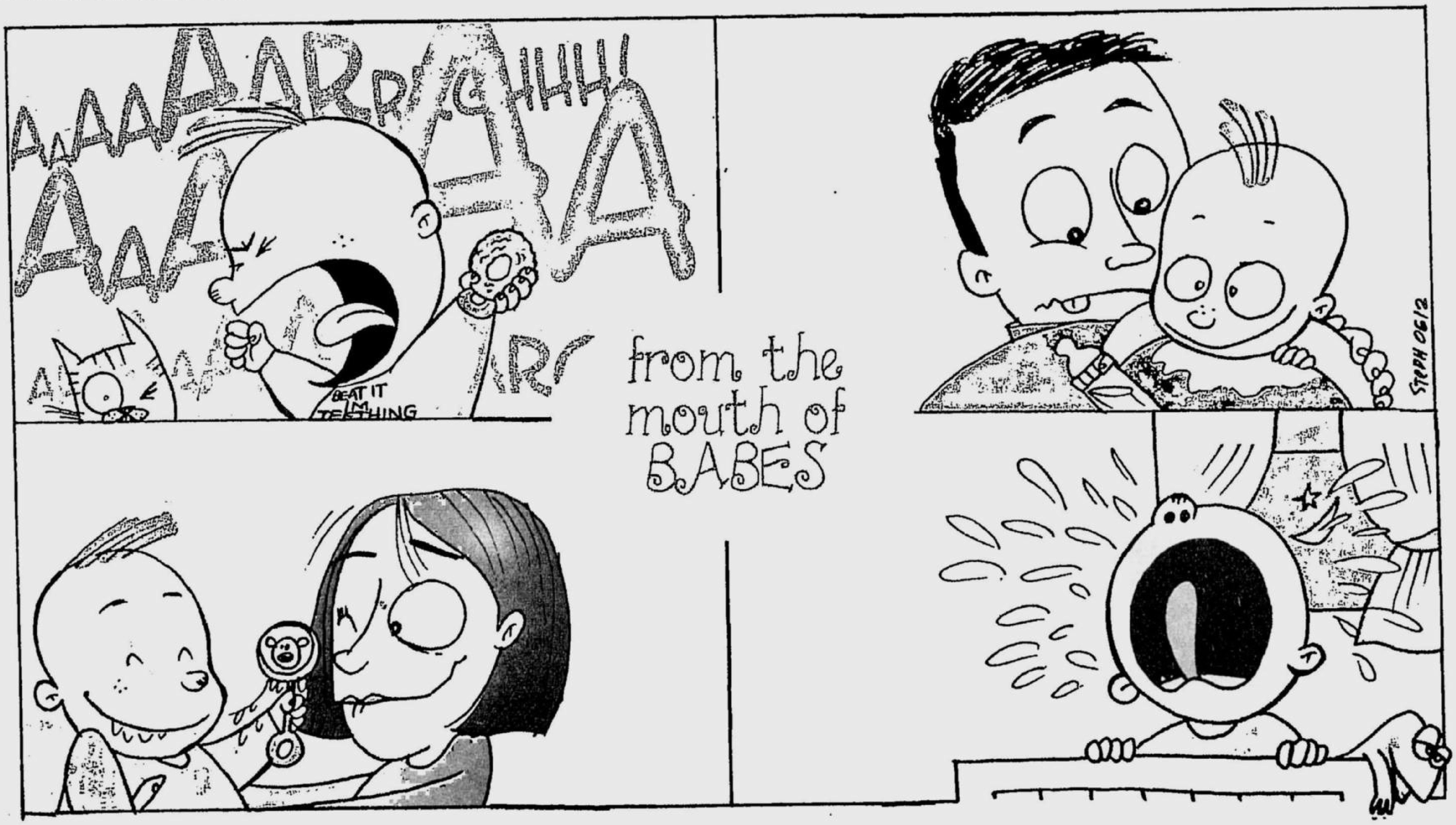
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FOLLOW THE FOLD TO GET TO MIDGARD

CHILDREN having fun at Fiesta Carnival

Orphans get treats

THE BAHAY Maria orphanage recently treated its wards to a day of free rides and gift-giving activities at the Fiesta Carnival in Araneta Center.

Carmela Montelibano-Borres of Bahay Maria and Araneta Center marketing head Grace Magno led the team that assisted the 35 children, who enjoyed free rides and a quick tour of the Fiesta Carnival. Pizza Hut provided the food while Araneta Center prepared assorted toys, school supplies, loot bags and other giveaways courtesy of Bb. Pilipinas Charities.

Bahay Maria is an orphanage based in Makati City that regularly holds outreach programs for less-fortunate kids. Right now, it attends to 35 underprivileged children under the steward of Borres, who is a former nun.

GRACE Magno, Araneta Center marketing head, and Carmela Borres, Bahay Maria director, with kids from Bahay Maria Orphanage

Now shopping: Teen stars

From page H1

for clothes, more is better, and teen shopaholics and fashion fiends will be glad to know that this is just a partial list and even more goodies can be found at the Metro Department Store Teens Section.

Seventeen-year-old Jennylyn is a self-confessed punk rocker when it comes to her fashion preferences. She opts for ripped and frayed jeans, simple shirts, pins, and well-worn canvas basketball sneakers. "I enjoy shopping at Market! Market!" she gushes. "It's big, there are so many stores!"

BENJ Pacia picks this brown fitted jacket.

A CUTE top catches Jennlyn Mercado's eyes.

While 18-year-old Mark Herras goes for the hip hop look, especially what he calls "the other side" of hip hop, with the "flavah" but without the extremely baggy cuts.

Nadine at 17 is so focused on her show biz career that she's had to put schooling on hiatus, as well as a business she used to run pre-fame. Her style also reflects a lack of time to dilly-dally; T-shirts, jeans and rubber shoes, with the occasional long skirts.

Benj, the youngest at 16 (turning 17 in August), is a sports buff who's into such diverse disciplines as basketball and firing. The wide range of interests reaches into his personal style. He describes his everyday look as *coño*: fitted polos or shirts, fitted pants, sneakers and leather accessories, but his "cute" getup is more rocker-oriented with six-pocket cargoes and black cut-off band shirts.

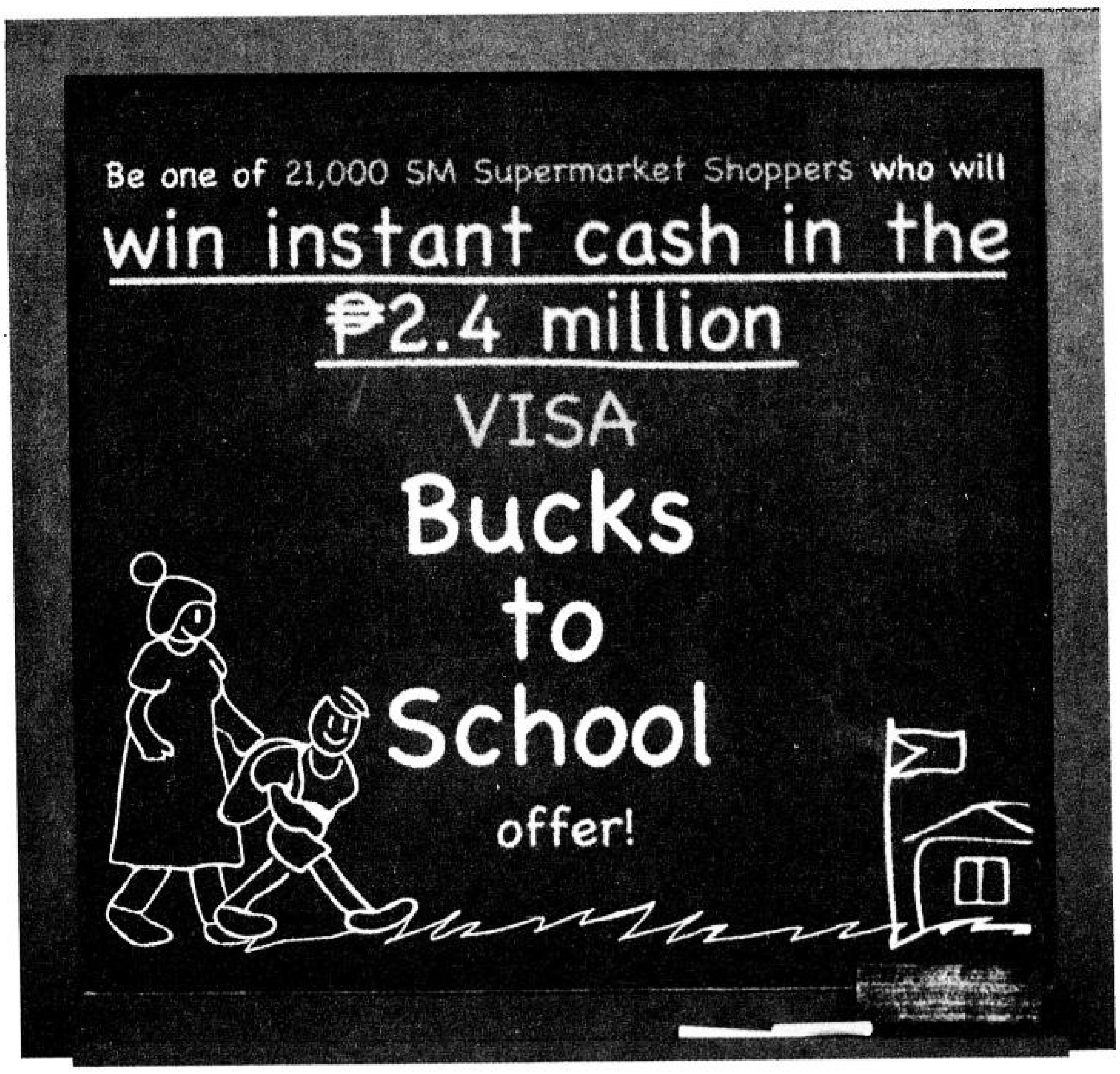
MARK Herras strikes a pose, looking suave in white jacket and shades.

His thirst for diversity naturally led him to Metro Department Store. "Metro is complete, there are so many floors, And everything's well-organized, *hindi nakakapagod*!"

Take a peek at the clothes these foursome picked during their Market! Market! shopping spree at the ground floor exhibit area near Havin' a Baby. The pieces are on show until June 20.

Market! Market! is open on Monday to Thursdays from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and on Fridays to Sundays from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Located at Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, it can be reached by car, jeepney, FX or bus. A full service transport terminal, open space parking, new parking building, and basement parking in Metro Supermarket are also available for your convenience.

Market! Market! is another retail innovation by Ayala Land Inc.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KIDS PLAY at the Westin Philippine Plaza

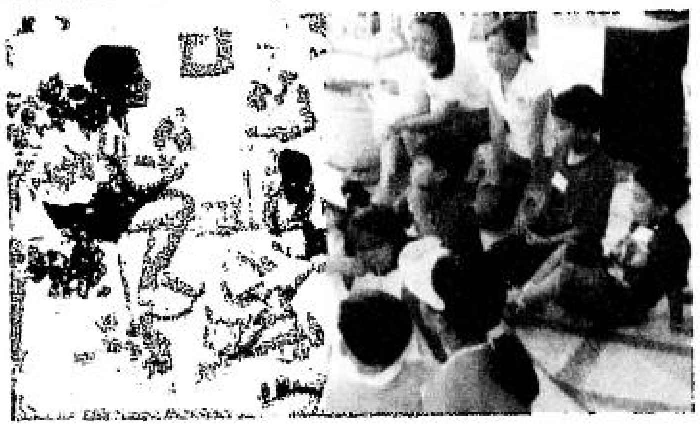
Where planning a kiddie party is as easy as child's play

KIDS Play will be held at The Westin Philippine Plaza on July 3, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., at Harbor Garden Tent. Witness how the Harbor Garden's 2,100 sq.m. is transformed into a children's paradise—a Kiddie Wonderland in the middle of Manila. The fair will be a gathering of the country's top party planners and service providers.

The whole day event will also feature interactive workshops and an exclusive fashion presentation of children's apparel featuring celebrity moms and their children such as Rissa Mananquil-Samson, Wilma Doesnt, Joanne Quintas Primero, Angel Agustin Co and Angelu de Leon modeling Orange Juice, Havin A Baby, Big and Small and Spin. The show is directed by Robbie Carmona of Saga Events.

Fair visitors will be treated to one big children's party with cartoon characters, film showing, magic shows, puppets, face painting, loot bags, cakes and sweet treats as well as a spectacular indoor pyrotechnic show.

Admission is free, with hourly raffles including a birthday party package for 30 kids at The Westin. Call 8326931 or 8326999.



SUMMER GARDEN CAMP
Catherine Baluga, a storyteller, entertains kids during Summer Garden Camp as part of Ponderosa Leisure Farms' activities for lot owners' children and friends in Silang, Cavite. This Spanish-Mexican-inspired exclusive garden community is one of the Landco Pacific Corporation's high-quality projects. Visit www.leisurefarms.com.

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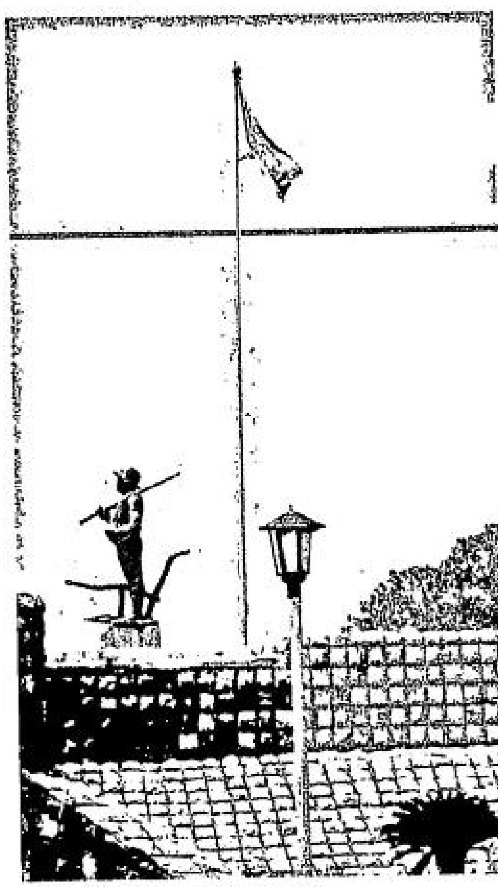

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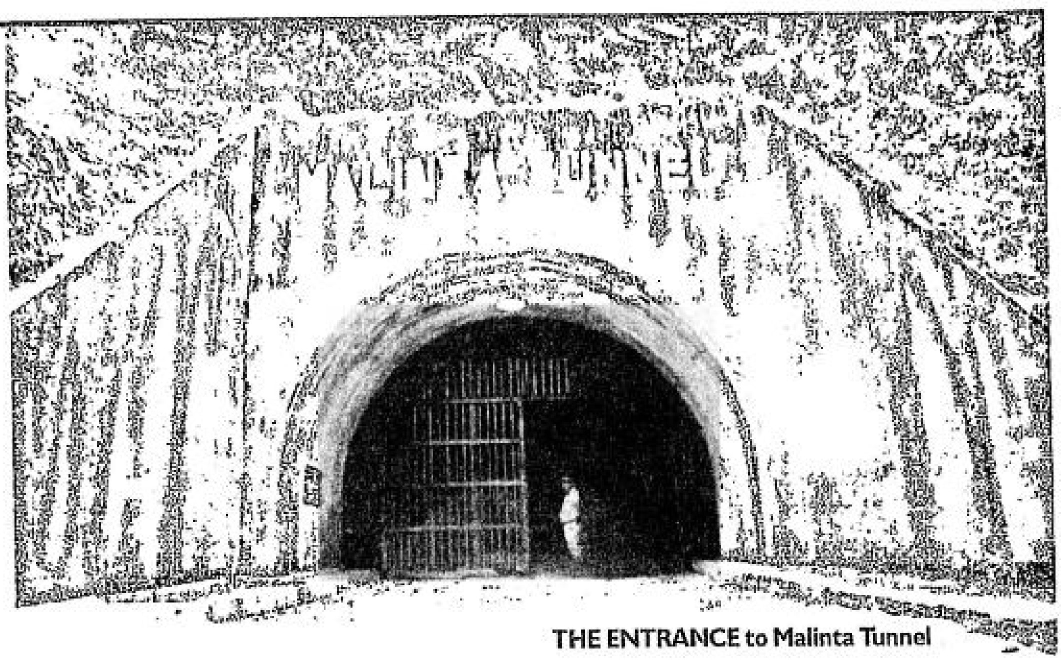

THE ENTRANCE to Malinta Tunnel

Text by Tina Arceo-Dumlao
Photos by Jerome C. Dumlao

THE BIG guns on this tadpole-shaped island that the American soldiers christened "The Rock" fired their last shots more than 60 years ago.

But explore Corregidor Island, where American and Filipino soldiers took their last, valiant stand against their Japanese foes in one of the most celebrated battles of World War II, and you can almost hear their thunderous roar.

The journey back in time starts on board one of the boats that Sun Cruises, an affiliate of Magsaysay Maritime Corp., uses to transport tourists from Manila Bay to Corregidor Island, some 26 nautical miles and 45 minutes away.

After watching two documentaries on World War II, tourists are ferried into 36-seater tranvia replicas for the grand tour around the 3-km-long island.

First stop

The first stop is the Malinta Tunnel, so named because the prisoners that dug up the tunnel as part of their hard-labor requirement saw a lot of leeches, or *linta* in Filipino.

The tunnel figures prominently in Philippine history, as it was here where the late President Manuel L. Quezon was forced to move the seat of the Philippine Commonwealth government after the Japanese imperial army conquered Manila.

Malinta Tunnel likewise served as the nerve center of the American war operations under the command of famed Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Constructed from 1922-1932 and carved out of a solid limestone hill, Malinta Tunnel served as an arsenal and underground hospital. More importantly, it served as a bomb shelter for the embattled Filipino and American soldiers.

It was also in this dark, damp tunnel where the tuberculosis-stricken President Quezon and Vice President Sergio Osmeña were sworn to office on Dec. 30,1941, to begin their second term.

For just P150 a ticket, the proceeds of which go to the Corregidor Foundation Inc., tourists get to experience the 30-minute Malinta light-and-sound show, which chronicles the highlights of Corregidor's place in WWII history, helped along by the script and direction of noted Filipino film director Lamberto Avellana.

It is cool inside the tunnel, either due to the air coming in from the air vents built along with the tunnel by the Americans, or the spine-tingling thought that there are spirits floating around the 835-ft tunnel where thousands of Filipinos, Americans, and yes, even Japanese, met their death.

Thankfully, one literally sees the light at the end of the tunnel. Then it is on to the next stop, the remains of what used to be the Middleside barracks, where the unmarried, enlisted men were housed.

Only the concrete shell remains of what used to be a thriving center of activity, and the ravages of war are very much evident in the walls riddled with bullet holes and scorched by bombs that destroyed much of the barracks.

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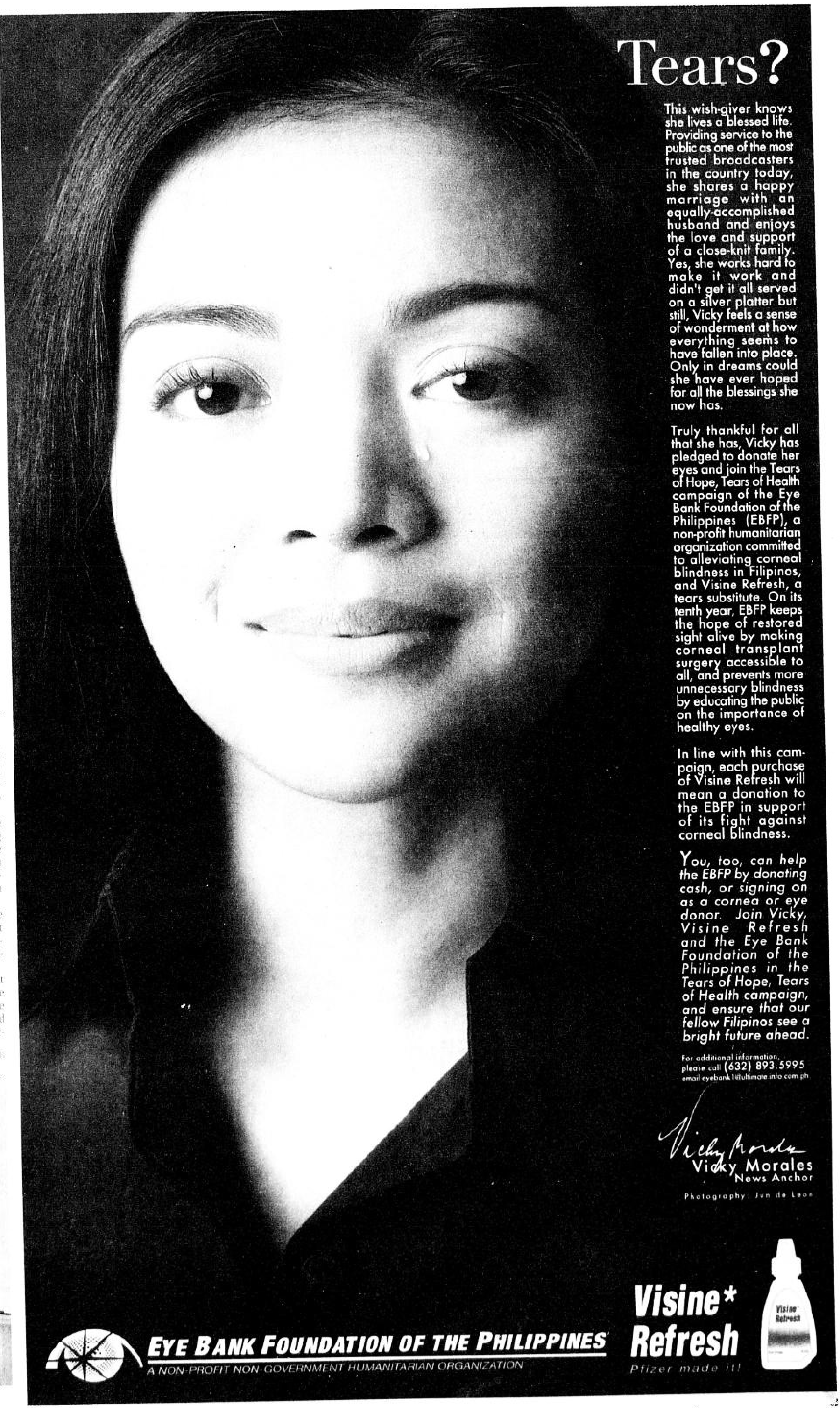
SPANISH-ERA lighthouse


Tears?

This wish-giver knows she lives a blessed life. Providing service to the public as one of the most trusted broadcasters in the country today, she shares a happy marriage with an equally-accomplished husband and enjoys the love and support of a close-knit family. Yes, she works hard to make it work and didn't get it all served on a silver platter but still, Vicky feels a sense of wonderment at how everything seems to have fallen into place. Only in dreams could she have ever hoped for all the blessings she now has.

Truly thankful for all that she has, Vicky has pledged to donate her eyes and join the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

In line with this campaign, each purchase of Visine Refresh will mean a donation to the EBFP in support of its fight against corneal blindness.

You, too, can help the EBFP by donating cash, or signing on as a cornea or eye donor. Join Vicky, Visine Refresh and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines in the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign, and ensure that our fellow Filipinos see a bright future ahead.

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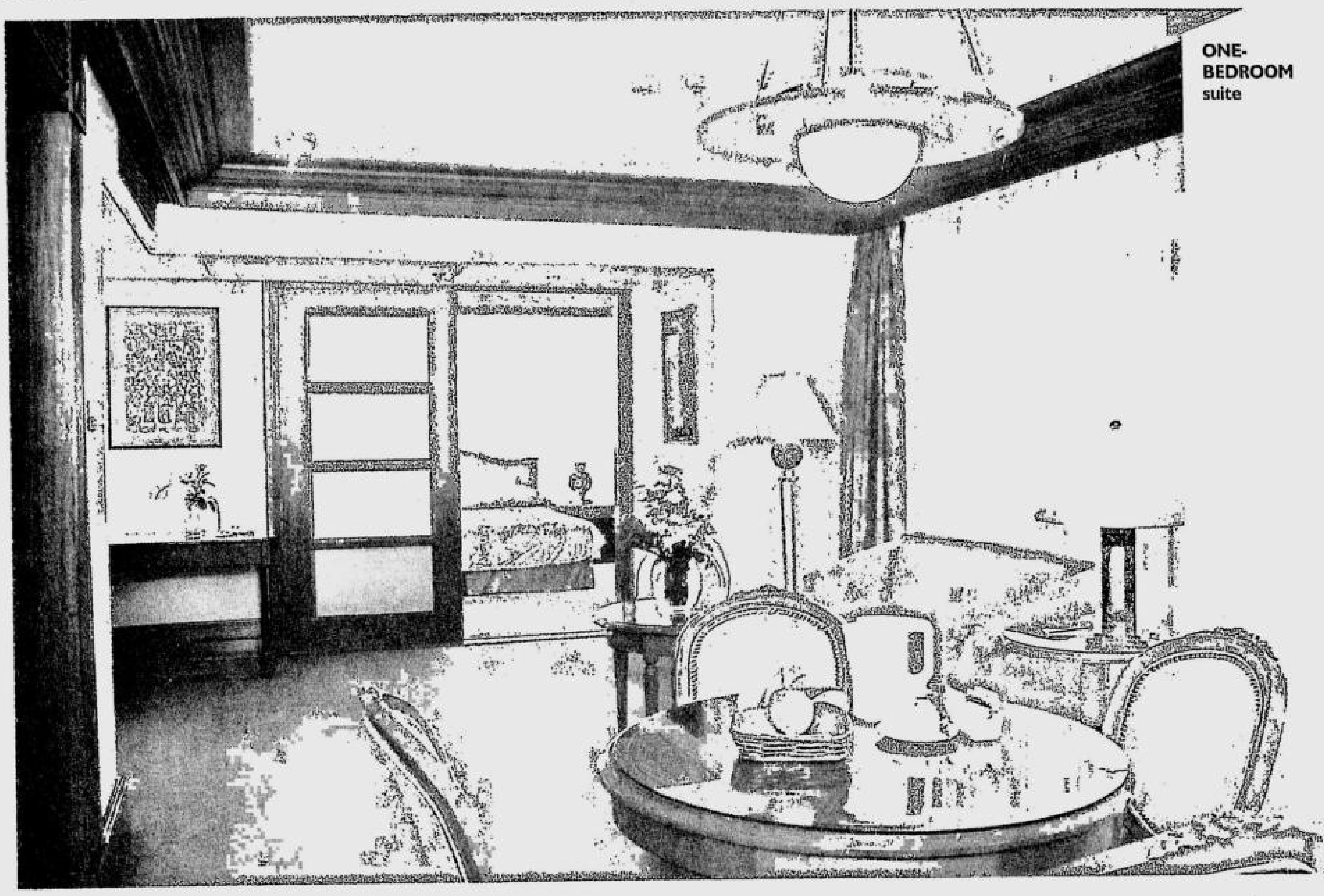

ONE-BEDROOM suite

Escape the stressful life in Metro Manila without actually leaving it

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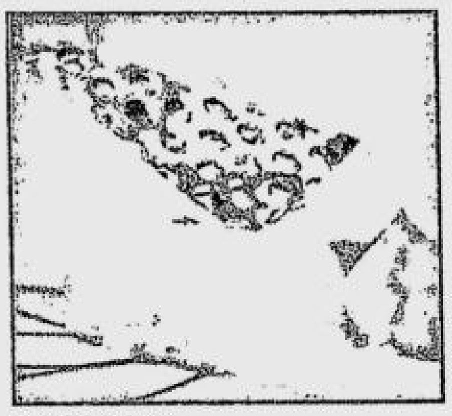


CHEESECAKE

Holidaying anytime right in the City

By Linda B. Bolido

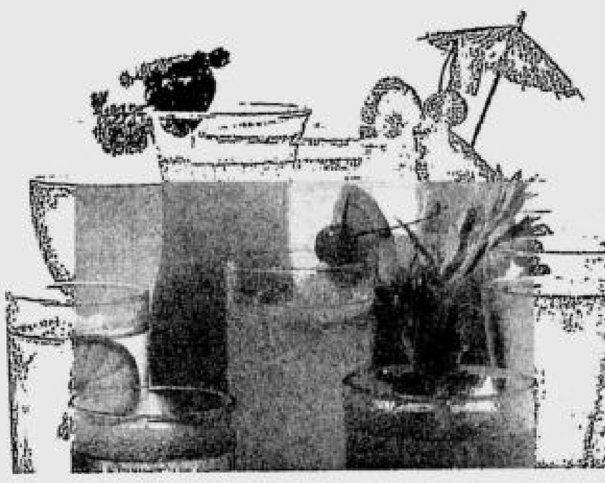
IF YOU'RE a Metro Manila resident, you don't have to travel far to enjoy a relaxing weekend you feel you deserve after days of toiling and moiling. Though the hot, dry season may be over, torrential monsoon rains do not really make traveling that much better, never mind the high cost of gasoline and having to carry all sorts of provisions to wherever you may be headed.

So instead of driving long distances that, at the end, makes you feel like you need a vacation from your vacation, why not consider a place closer to home?

The corner of Edsa and Ortigas is not just the site of the shrine that is a monument to the downfall of two Philippine presidents. Right beside it is Holiday Inn Galleria Manila, a business hotel that offers all the amenities of a first-rate vacation spot and lets you be "away" from the stressful life in the city without actually leaving it.

Add to that the fact that Holiday Inn lets you "be yourself." No need to curtail your natural exuberance—or eccentricities—if you are at the Inn. The staff is happy to let you be as long as you do not harm yourself or anybody else and does not cause any scandal that will bring in the morality police, if we have that. They will go out of their way to accommodate your special wishes as much as they are able.

On a recent weekend, for instance, the Inn had the challenging task of hosting and catering a traditional Muslim wedding. Restaurant manager Grant N. Ampaso let a representative of the wedding party kibitz as the kitchen staff prepared for the reception to reassure the guests everything was halal (done according to strict Islamic rules). So pleased was everyone with the way the hotel handled everything that two or three other Muslim weddings have now been penciled on its calendar.



BUFFET drinks

The hotel has other special offers for guests, both those staying there and walk-in clients. Its Monet Bar-Lounge is probably one of the very few places in the metropolis where happy hour actually stretches from 6 p.m.-1 a.m. every day. At 6-8 p.m. traditional happy hours, Monet offers "1 for 1." Your first drink, alcoholic or not, is free so you only pay for the next one. Guests availing of the promo can also win food and beverage gift certificates. From 8 p.m.-1 a.m. every second drink is available at half price and a 25-percent discount is given on full bottle sales.

And on Fridays, 8 p.m.-12 midnight means non-stop booze and partying for only P340+. Guests get to enjoy their favorite mixed drinks or beer and a round of pica-pica while listening to live music from some of the city's hottest bands.

The bar-lounge, which is actually open from 6 a.m., may not have a dance floor but that does not stop guests from swaying and rocking to the beat with or without a partner. Ampaso and the service crew are also willing to interrupt work to partner those who cannot find their rhythm dancing alone. The Monet ambience is so loose and carefree that happy hours do not only draw people eager to drink as much as they can for a modest fee but also whole families, women on a night out all by themselves, and dating and married couples.

This June, your visit to the Inn, whether to stay for the weekend or just to enjoy a drink at Monet, is made even more attractive by Buffet Extravaganza promo at Raphael Café. For P850+ per person, you get to choose from a dinner spread consisting of international and local fare such as Japanese dishes, salads, pasta and noodles and dessert. The buffet is available 6-10 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

The Inn makes spending weekend with them even more attractive until Aug. 31 with their Stay Over Sunday Promo. Book on a Sunday for a minimum two-night stay, and just pay your Sunday bill at half the regular P3,400+ rate. The package includes a De Luxe room with buffet breakfast for two adults and two kids at Raphael Café. All Philippine residents, both local and foreign, can avail of the promo.

If you feel like staying in a suite, it is available at 30-percent less than the regular rate. Rates for studio, one-bedroom and one-bedroom executive are inclusive of buffet breakfast for two adults and two kids at Raphael Café. Two-bedroom executive suite and penthouse accommodation include buffet breakfast for four adults and two kids.

Of course, as the name suggests, Holiday Inn is right within the Robinsons Galleria complex. So if shopping is a must for your R&R (rest and recreation), then the Inn will let you be your shopaholic self.

Holiday Inn Galleria is part of the InterContinental Hotel Groups. Call 6337111 or fax 6332824. You may also visit www.higalleria.holiday-inn.com

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TONI, Sixto Roxas, Daryl Lu-maas, Joven Tidon, German Ambassador Dr. Axel Weishaupt and Patrice Pacis

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LEOVINO Garcia, dean of Ateneo's School of Humanities, and Francois Blamont, counselor for Cooperation and Cultural Affairs

German ambassador holds entertaining reception

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

US Embassy First Secretary and press attache Karen Kelley with Ellen Tordesillas of Malaya, Amando Doronila of INQUIRER, and Glenn Gale of Manila Times

SILVIA Schuff and Hana Sagi with their husbands, Israeli Ambassador Yehoshua Sagi and Argentine Ambassador Mario Schuff

GERMAN Ambassador Dr. Axel Weishaupt, who is becoming more and more fluent in Filipino, continues to set a trend of entertaining receptions with his Housmusikabend (musical evening) performances at his residences that range from solemn Russian to easy modern innovations. The latest event gathered guitarists **Butch Roxas** and **Daryl Lu-maas**, **Joven U. Tidon** (bass), singer **Patrice Pacis** and percussionist **Toni**, incorporating classical, jazz, Filipino music and the popular forms of sambas and bossa novas of Latin America. Not only is it a pleasant way to spend an evening but a great opportunity to listen to little heard composers Hansen, Villa-Lobos, Mingus and Piazolla.

Ambitious program

Regretfully French Ambassador Renee Veyret had to leave for Paris on the eve of the 7th edition of the French Spring in Manila, a celebration of French culture but with the added fillip of intercultural collaboration of Filipino jazz artists and performers. Like the Ambassador, this year's program is more ambitious and eclectic than those in the previous years. It features circus performances, musicians and jugglers and heralds the theme of "United In Diversity."

National Commission for Culture and the Arts' **Ambeth Ocampo** with French Charge d'Affaires, **Bernard Regnauld-Fabre** formally opened the season at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium on June 1. Guests enjoyed the wonderful artistry of **Helene Delavault** with her familiar songs that brought to mind a Paris of cafés and cabarets.

This was followed closely by the opening the following day of the 10th French Film Festival and the photography exhibit of George Tapan at Greenbelt 3 in Makati. If you like your movies about love and marriage with a touch of irony and cynicism, don't miss *"Ils se Marierent et eurent beaucoup d'enfants."* The festival is ongoing till the 15th.

British legacy

Four hundred twenty-five years of Philippine-British relations were celebrated by GlaxoSmithkiline (GSK) with the book launching of Being Carrion-Buck's "The British Legacy to the Philippines" at the Corporate Social Responsibility night held at the GSK Makati office. The 380-page coffee-table book covers over 400 years of relations between the two nations from the time of Sir Francis Drake trying to intercept the Manila Galleon.

The event also focused on GSK and other British companies' social programs such as Pinoy Health Pass, which provides medical insurance and health education to underprivileged communities, and the Coalition to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (elephantiasis).

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TRAVEL BRIEFS

'Cebu Biyahe Muna' designates carrier

Cebu Pacific Air (CEB) is actively participating in the Cebu Biyahe Muna Project as its designated carrier. Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano said the airline had proven through the years to be a dynamic and invaluable partner in the various initiatives of the Department of Tourism (DOT) to promote domestic tourism. Durano said Cebu posted last year the biggest number of tourist arrivals in country. The island province expected to do better this year with the support of Cebu Pacific. A joint project of the DOT, the Cebu Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Cebu Association of Tour Operators, Cebu Biyahe Muna features attractive and convenient tour packages designed to promote the province as a premiere tourist destination. Under the program, travelers can choose packages depending on preferences and budgets: "Cebu Short Break" offers a quick respite from normal routine; "Island Getaway" is an exotic breather from city life; "Heritage and Country" highlights the history and culture of the province; "Adventure Go Golf" and "Adventure Go Dive" showcase Cebu's underwater attractions and recreational facilities. CEB general manager Bong Mojica said Cebu Biyahe Muna offered convenience and budget flexibility. The program is ongoing until August. Call 6364938 to 45.

Weekend for dad

Treat dad to a relaxing night or weekend at the Verde Island Resort in Isla Verde, Batangas City to help him unwind. On June 19, Father's Day, dad will receive a special wine. Dad can enjoy activities like nature trekking, water sports, mountain hiking and island tour. Verde Island Resort is at south of Batangas City and north of Calapan, Oriental Mindoro. Call Makati Office at 7500466 or 7500470.

Balm for body and mind

Members of the Westin Sports Club and Spa are a pampered lot, finding all that the body, mind and soul seek all in one great spot, far from the madding crowd. Outdoor types may opt for golf lessons with a golf pro at the 18-hole putt-and-pitch green, on the aqua range, driving golf balls into the sea. If tennis is preferred, come with a partner or train with a tennis instructor on the mateflex-surface day-and-night covered court. Underneath sheltering palms by Manila Bay and amid acres of garden is a spectacular lagoon-shaped pool and two long, winding slides to delight youngsters. An outdoor restaurant offers a la carte service at lunch, and the longest barbecue buffet every evening, with the Silka folk dance group providing entertainment. A state-of-the-art gym keeps spa members fit, and serious health buffs may avail of the services of a personal trainer. Massage treatments are also offered.

BON VOYAGE
INSULAR LIFE ASSURANCE

REWARD IN MALAYSIA
The famous Petronas Twin Towers in Kuala Lumpur's City Center provide a backdrop for a photo op of Insular Life's top sales producers, recently treated to a four-day, three-night tour of Malaysia. The top producers, some of whom attended the Asia-Pacific Life Insurance Congress in Malaysia's capital city, also visited the King's Palace, National Monument and Butterfly Farm, Genting Highlands and the local Chinese night market. Insular Life regularly holds sales conventions in vacation places for its agency force as reward for excellent performance.

Premiere family destination

AS FAMILIES on vacation continue to emerge globally as a significant category of travelers, Oakwood Premier Ayala Center is actively pursuing this market with special rates and packages, particularly for local residents.

Al Legaspi, Oakwood resident manager, points out that recent studies in the US have identified leisure travelers vacationing with family or attending family events as "the single largest category of travel." He says that at the 306-room property located at the heart of the Ayala Center in Makati, *balikbayan* families, families of local residents taking a break as well as families of executives doing business in the country are regular guests.

"Our setup as a luxury residence property makes us family-friendly as well as friendly to business executives," he explains.

Informal guest surveys point out that both families and executives particularly appreciate the fact that Oakwood units are larger than the average hotel room. For executives, this means that some of their meetings can be held at their unit since every residence has its own dining and seating area. In addition, they have the flexibility of working in their room since each unit has a broadband Internet connection.

For families, this means more room especially for active, younger children who are also likely to appreciate the entertainment center with DVD player that is part of the living area.

Moreover, Oakwood's location within the Ayala Center and just one elevator ride away from the widest range of retail and entertainment options is quite appealing to executives who wish to unwind after a hard day's work, as well as families that want to do things together, he says.

Oakwood's strategy to appeal to families is part of a global trend. Disney and Nickolodeon, for instance, have launched campaigns aimed at drawing pint-sized travelers, their parents and even grandparents to their facilities. Even cruises to the Caribbean have created special packages for families.

Legaspi notes that both executives and families also appreciate the quiet ambience of Oakwood in Makati. The luxury establishment does not host big banquets or large conventions, allowing guests privacy as well as tighter security. For parents, this means that their children are exposed primarily only to friendly hotel staff and other residents.

Families on vacation also have access to Oakwood's facilities including an Olympic-style swimming pool, health club and spa, tennis courts and table tennis. Within each unit, the entertainment area, broadband Internet access, a full kitchen afford families other entertainment options. Call 7298888.

Tears?

Igan. Arnold is dedicated to serving terminally-ill boys and girls. This newsman recognized early on that his true purpose as a public figure is to champion the causes of those in need. Through his foundation for the children, he acts on this duty by helping prolong and improve kids' lives, thus, giving them hope of a healthy future. Steadfast in his mission to serve kids, Arnold earns his nickname Igan (short for kaibigan), giving support and comfort like a true friend.

Extending a hand once more, Arnold has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

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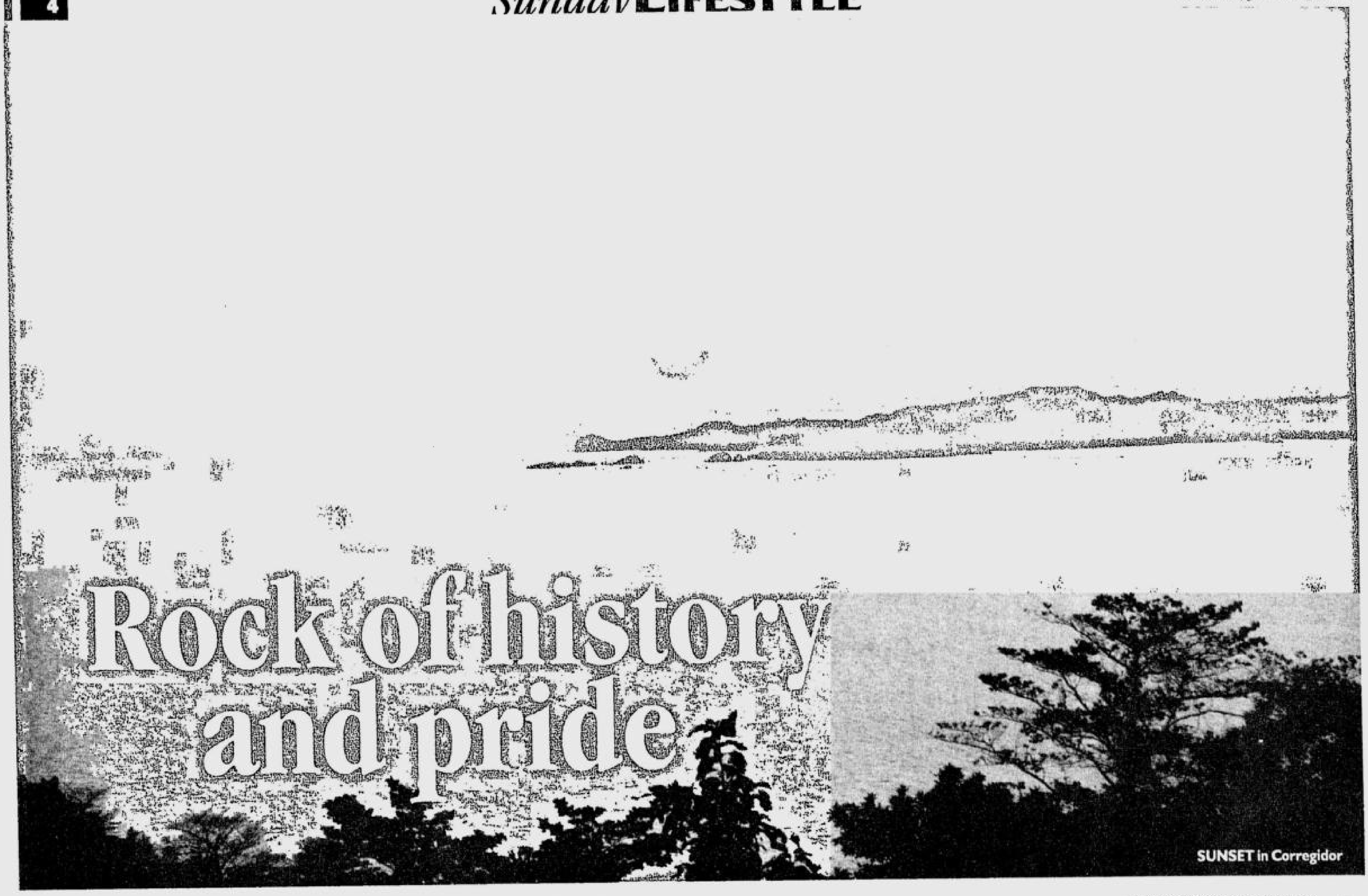

SUNSET in Corregidor

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That it was not totally razed to the ground is a testament not only to the fierce defense that the soldiers put up, but also to the way the barracks were constructed, with their thick, twisted steel reinforcements and pillars made with high-grade cement that, ironically, came from Japan.

Next up is Battery Way, the oldest of the more than 20 batteries set up by the Americans to fortify Corregidor, and the last of The Rock's guns to give out.

Battery Way was armed with four 12-inch mortars capable of firing up to 14,610 yards in any direction, at a rate of one round a minute. About 14 men manned each mortar, and it took about four people to carry the 750-pound shells fired by the big, and largely intact, guns.

Only three of the guns opened fire on the Japanese invaders starting April 28,1942. Two were hit on May 2 and the last one was silenced on May 6, 1942, the day Corregidor finally fell to Japanese hands, with American and Filipino soldiers' heads "bowed in sadness, but not in shame."

Another scene to behold is the seacoast gun of Battery Hearn, dubbed the longest gun, with a maximum firing range of 29,500 yards or 17 miles. It was this gun that shot at the church in Naic, Cavite, when it began toward Cavite from February 1942 and then turned toward Bataan on April 9, when the province fell to the Japanese.

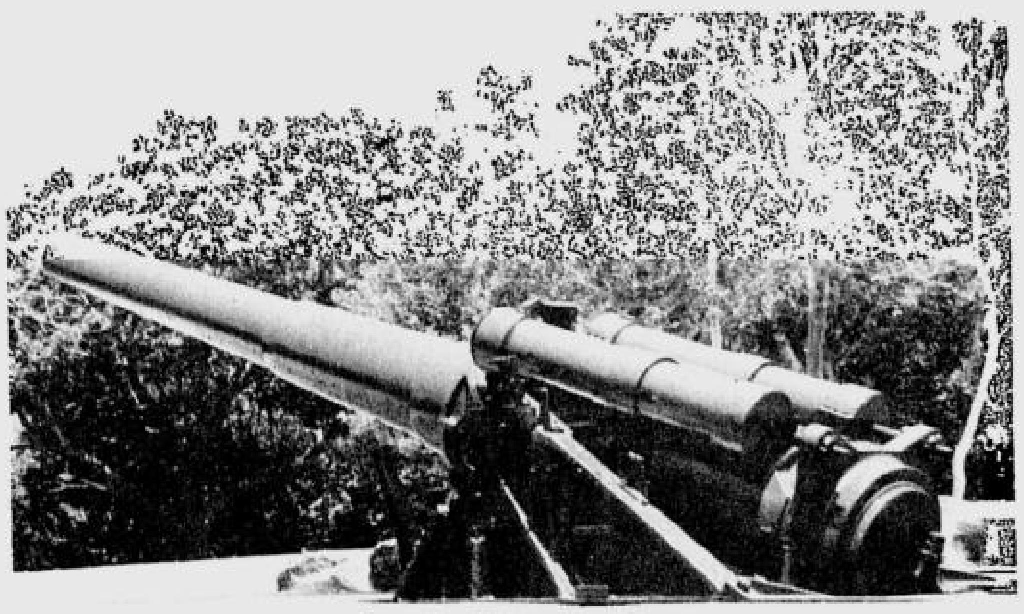
The Japanese captured the gun nearly intact, and it is well-preserved today.

Highest point

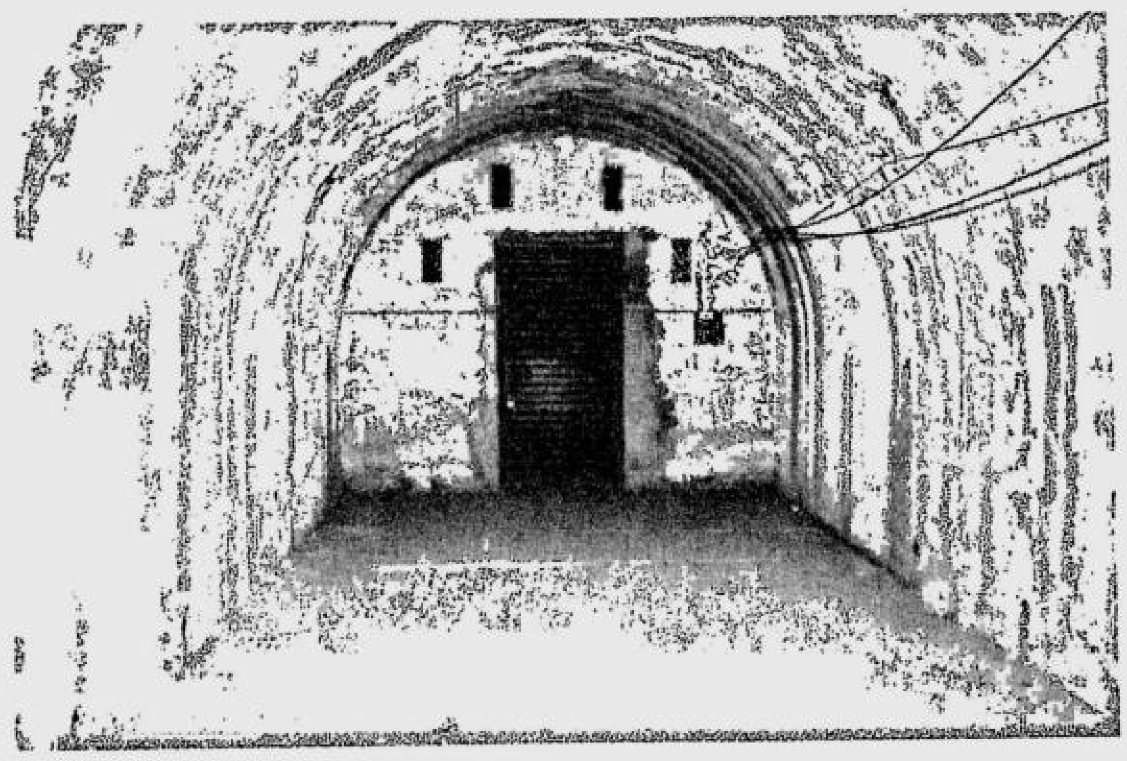
Close to Battery Hearn is the Mile Long Barracks at Topside, so-called because it is the highest point in the island, and also perhaps because it was here where the top officials of the US forces, including General MacArthur, stayed.

The 1,520-ft barracks housed 8,000 double-deck beds at the height of American activity, with some 2,000 officials inside. It even had an indoor pool, traces of which can still be seen today.

> Touring Corregidor leaves one poorer by P1,500, but far more enriched as a Filipino



BATTERY Hearn, the island fortress' longest gun



QUEZON'S exit

The last movie shown at Cine Corregidor before the island came under attack was "Gone With The Wind," starring Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh, for which soldiers paid 10-25 US cents each to watch.

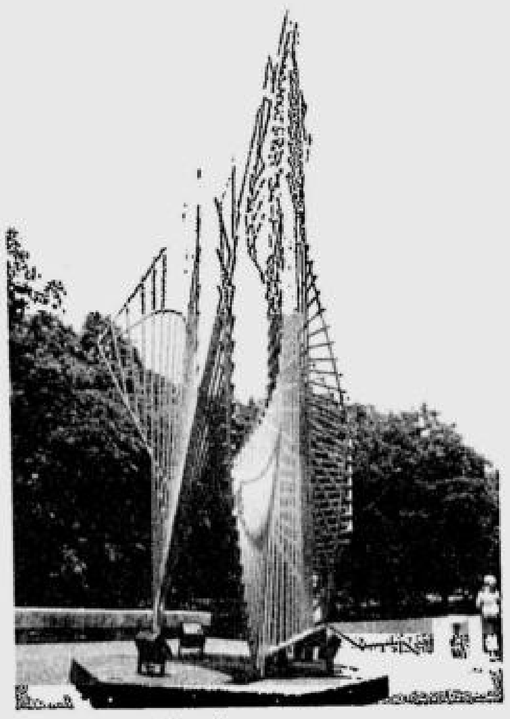
From the ruins, we go on to the gleaming, solemn structure that is the Pacific War Memorial, one of only two that the US government installed to mark the war in the Pacific.

Corregidor deserves its memorial as the "superhuman effort" put up by the outgunned and undermanned Filipino and American soldiers to delay the Japanese soldiers' march toward Australia, thus giving the American and allied forces time to gather reinforcements and finally repel the invaders.

Thus, even if Corregidor eventually surrendered in May 1942, it was still a form of victory. The final triumph came when Corregidor was liberated three years later.

The other memorial, of course, is at Pearl Harbor, the bombing of which in December 1941 forced the United States to send her sons to take up arms and fight in World War II.

The Pacific War Memorial was completed in 1968 at a cost of $1.23 million, and is flanked by the ruins of Cine Corregidor, the museum and the remains of the Bachelor Officer's Quarters and the Post Headquarters.



WAR Memorial sculpture

It is said that every year, at exactly 12 noon of May 6th, sunlight passes through the top of the dome and illuminates the center of the structure. It is a sight to behold, and one of the reasons WWII veterans and tourists take time out every year to witness the annual spectacle.

From there we are off to the Spanish Lighthouse, the oldest structure on Corregidor Island, which offers a clear view of Manila Bay, the South China Sea and the rest of the island.

It is also a reminder that long before the Americans' coming, the Spaniards had been using Corregidor as a checkpoint. The lighthouse also served as a signal station to alert Manila of the approach of a homecoming galleon.

Differing accounts

Corregidor got its name from the Spanish word *"corregir,"* which means to correct. Thus, Corregidor is the "Island of the Corrector" or Isla del Corregidor. There are differing accounts to why the island got its name.

One account says the island was named Corregidor because the Spanish colonizers required ships entering Manila Bay to stop there and have their papers checked. Another says the island served as a correctional institution.

The Spaniards did not really take advantage of the military potential of the island. It was the Americans who did that, and they

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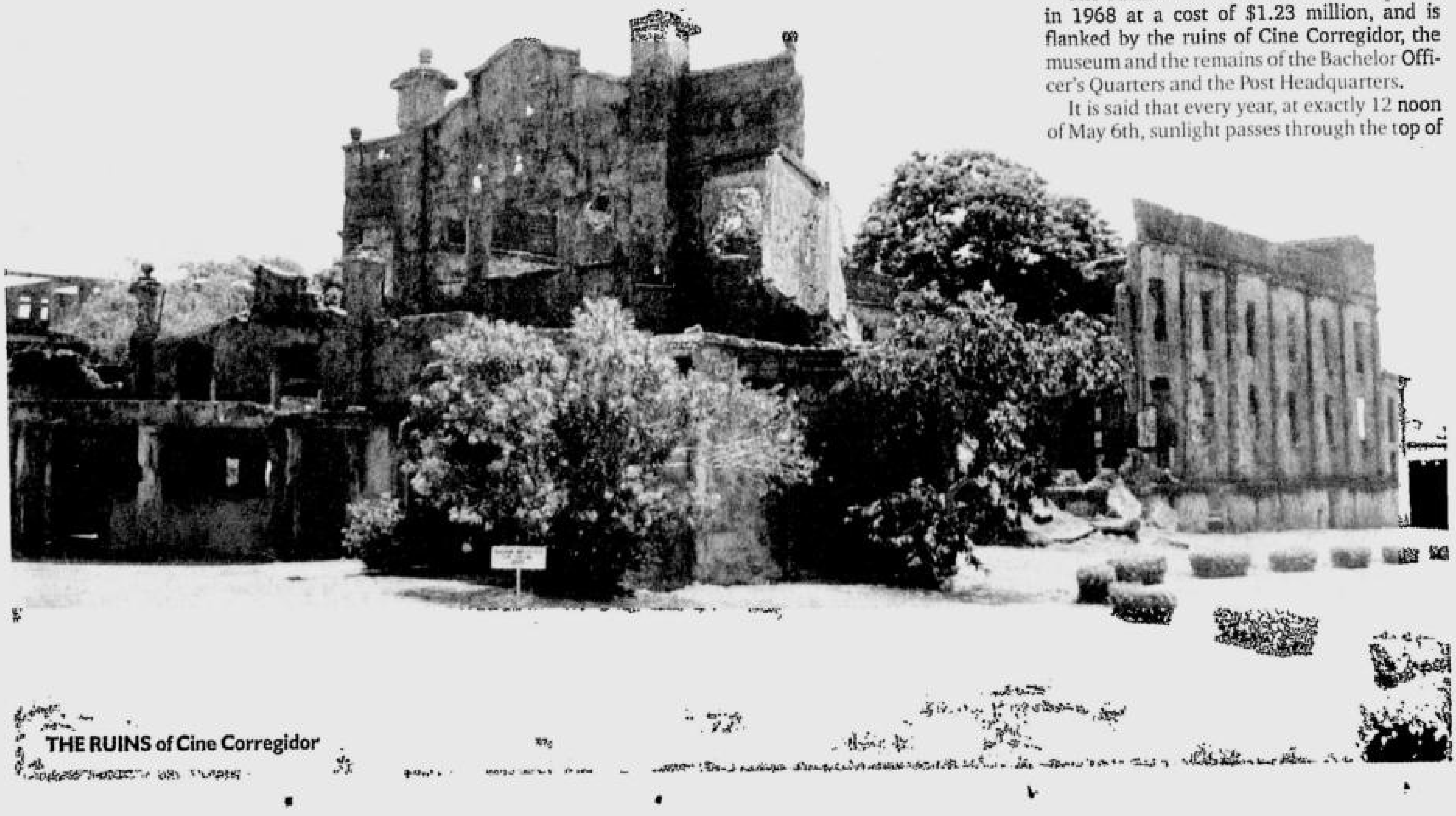

THE RUINS of Cine Corregidor

Rock of history and pride

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started fortifying the island in 1902, following their victory during the Philippine-American war of 1898. Corregidor became a military reservation, part of the harbor defense of Manila and Subic Bay.

Corregidor was an ideal site, as it guarded the mouth of Manila Bay from the South China Sea, and was right smack in the middle of the Bataan peninsula and the Cavite developments. Today, Corregidor is part of Cavite province under the Sangley Point guard.

As the cruise ship sails away from the dock after a day's tour, a visitor leaves at least P1,500 poorer, but far more enriched by history and pride in being a Filipino.

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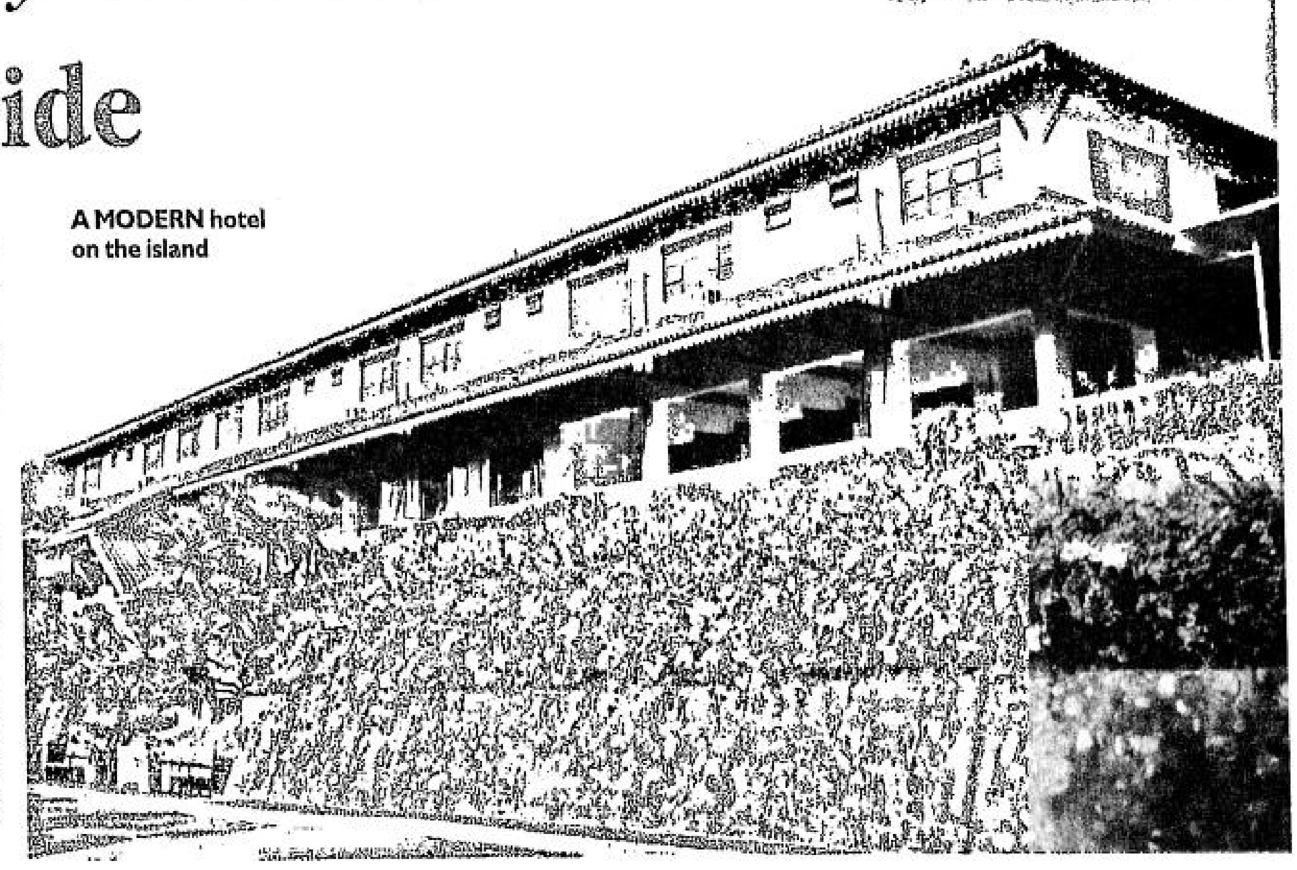
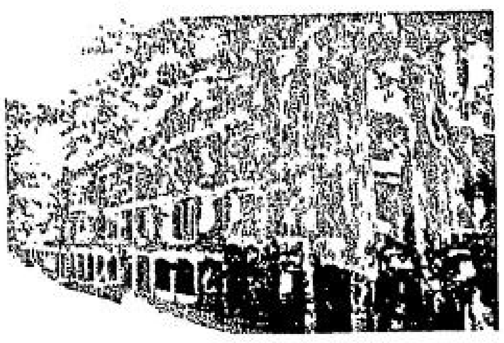
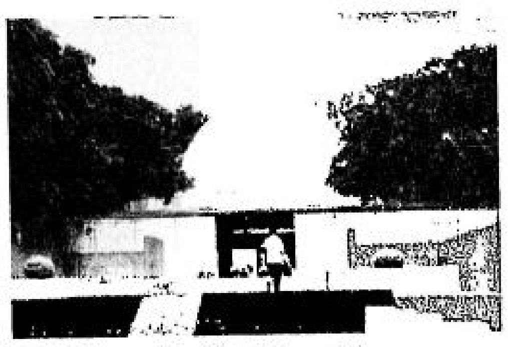


A MODERN hotel on the island



MIDDLESIDE Barracks



BACK view of the War Memorial

Shop your way to Europe

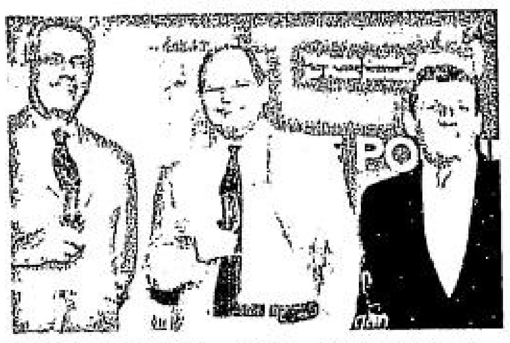
TRAVELING in style never goes out of style. And in celebration of Europe Month, customers at The Podium can shop world class and fly business class via Lufthansa Airlines in its "Shop Your Way to Europe" raffle promo.

A project of the European Commission Delegation in the Philippines, the EU Member States, and The Podium in cooperation with Lufthansa Airlines and Smart Communications, the promo is ongoing until today. Every P1,000 purchase (single or accumulated) at The Podium entitles one to a raffle coupon, and a chance to win a round trip for two to any destination in Europe aboard Lufthansa's Business Class.

The Europe Month celebration at The Podium was recently launched with a reception attended by members of the diplomatic corps, corporate executives, and some of the country's top photojournalists.

The head of the European Commission to the Philippines, Ambassador Jan de Kok, led the ceremonial toast. He was joined by Keppel Properties Philippines country manager Sin Wai Meng, Lufthansa's Jill San Jose, Smart Communications' Ron Caseda, The Podium mall manager Steven Tan, and the Philippine Center for Photojournalism president Jimmy Domingo.

Apart from the "Shop Your Way to Europe" promo, The Podium's Europe month festivities include launch of EU's photojournalism contest: Pagtutulungan; Enhancing EC-RP Development and Cooperation, and a radio promo over Wave 89.1, where callers can answer trivia questions about Europe and The Podium and win prizes from the mall's tenants.



AMBASSADOR Jan de Kok, DHL's Michael Raeuber and Technik, Inc.'s Frank Wienecke

Airline unveils state-of-the-art seat

LUFTHANSA German Airlines-Philippines has unveiled innovations designed to set new benchmarks in air travel starting with the introduction of its new business class product, the PrivateBed, and a shift from Boeing 747-400 to the ultra modern Airbus A340-600.

A state-of-the-art business class seat, PrivateBed boasts of features not found on other airlines. It's equipped with a 10.4" personal video screen and laptop connection; Shape System that allows for sitting or sleeping position with a press of a button, 150 cms of seat pitch and a seat length of two meters combined with a nine-degree incline that allows passengers to stretch out and lie flat.

Other features of PrivateBed include retractable armrests that provide ample room for shoulders and arms, integrated back massage function, privacy provided by virtual blinkers on monitors, integrated foldaway privacy screen, individual reading lamps, larger retractable swiveling worktable, storage pockets for laptops and headphones and cupboard for shoe storage.

Aside from daily flights to Frankfurt, Lufthansa will now have technical stops in Canton, China.

Tears?

It's amazing how motherhood can change a woman's life. Ever since she had Antonia, TinTin's world has become different and so much more special. This first-time mother now exudes a happy glow that comes from the intimate bonding created between mother and child – such as when she breastfeeds her newborn and feels the tiny heart beating close to her own. And in these quiet moments with Antonia cradled in her arms, TinTin cannot help but shed tears of hope and joy as she thinks of what the future may hold for her dearest daughter.

Giving life and sight, TinTin has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

In line with this campaign, each purchase of Visine Refresh will mean a donation to the EBFP in support of its fight against corneal blindness.

You, too, can help the EBFP by donating cash, or signing on as a cornea or eye donor. Join TinTin, Visine Refresh and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines in the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign, and ensure that our fellow Filipinos see a bright future ahead.

For additional information, please call (632) 893.5995 email eyebank1@ultimate info.com.ph

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Doing business in Ilocos Norte

AS YOU walk around the corridors of the Laoag International Airport, you can't help but notice that the signage in both the arrival and departure areas are mounted in English with Chinese subtitles.

This is because of the hundreds of tourists that fly in daily from mainland China.

Because of its proximity to mainland China, Laoag has regular flights to Hongkong (6x/week), Guangzhou (3x/week), Shanghai (3x/week) and Kaoshiung (3x/week).

The joke among locals is that it takes less time to fly from Laoag to Kaoshiung (40 minutes) than it is to fly from Laoag to Manila (50 minutes). There are domestic flights to Manila (5x/week) and Clark (2x/week) as well.

Because of the influx of tourists, Ilocos Norte is doubling its efforts to lure investors to the province.

"Right now, we only have one five-star hotel [Fort Ilocandia Resort Hotel], six three-star hotels and a bunch of pension houses scattered all over the province. But they're still not enough," said Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr. "It's very difficult to book a hotel room here during Chinese New Year, Holy Week and the other long holidays."

The province recently sponsored a three-day convention for investors dubbed "Northern Summit 2005," to discuss with micro- to small entrepreneurs the numerous investment opportunities available in Ilocos Norte.

Representatives from both the government and local business sector were on hand to answer queries about doing business in the province, including issues on taxation, government support, incentives for investors, licensing and other procedural aspects.

Among the resources speakers were Dr. Bernardo Villegas (Senior VP, University of Asia and the Pacific), Raul Hernandez (VP, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and Jorge Judan (Commercial Attache currently based in Beijing and Shanghai).

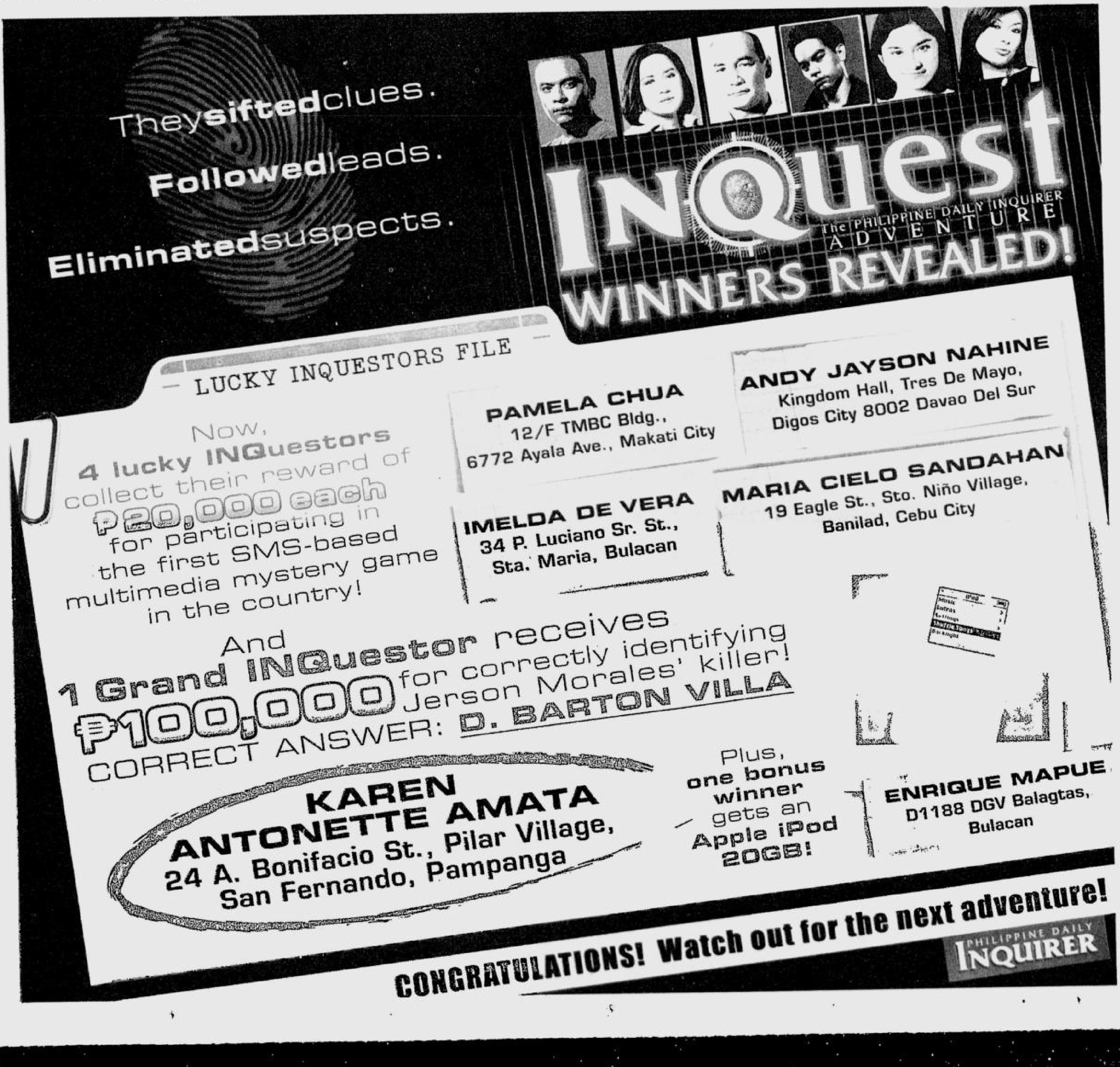
The mayors as well as the Manila-based delegates who attended the convention were elated to learn that China plans to set up a consulate in Laoag City.

After listening to the resource speakers, the delegates were given a tour of Museo Ilocos Norte. Winner of the 2002 Gawad Alab Haraya Award, the provincial museum is one of the best ways to learn about Ilocano culture.

The group also visited the Ilocos Norte Tourism, Trade and Investment Center (INTTIC) which serves as an information hub for tourists and businessmen who would like to do business in the province, and the Dap-ayan Ti Cocos, a center featuring various crafts and souvenir items from the different towns of the province.

The provincial government has accepted Beijing's invitation to join the Trade and Tourism Expo in June as well as the Twin Cities' Tourism Conference of its sister province, Shandong, in Oct. 21-23.

A second "Northern Summer" convention has been scheduled for Oct. 7-9. Call 077-7705285 or 077-7705286. Visit www.inttic.com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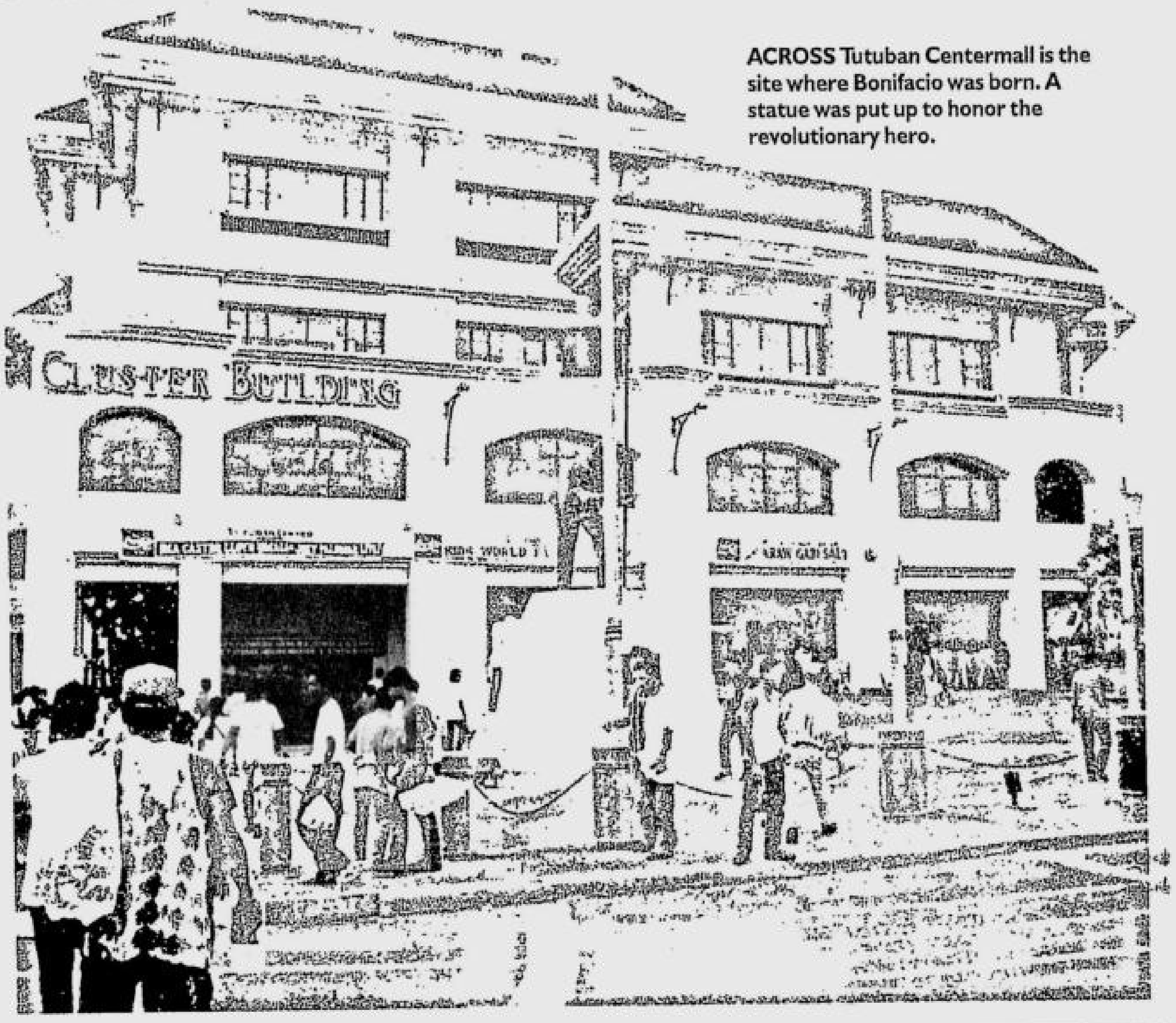
7 Years of Independence

Home of heroes

Katipunan was born in the streets of Tondo

TONDO is often seen as the seat of poverty and crime. It has gained a reputation of being a dangerous place, refuge of convicts, sanctuary for squatters, or a slum area. It sinks to an image of hardship, despair, and deterioration.


ACROSS Tutuban Centermall is the site where Bonifacio was born. A statue was put up to honor the revolutionary hero.

But lest Filipinos forget, Tondo is the nation's cradle of freedom from Spanish rule. Heroes and noblemen once trod the streets of Tondo. La Liga Filipina and the Katipunan were formed there. Heroes were born here.

The spot across what is Tutuban mall now is where the revolutionary hero Andres Bonifacio was born. He spent his 33 years, and got married, in Tondo.

For most Filipinos now, the area which is bustling with merchants, vendors, and consumers day in and day out is the haven for the cheapest goods. Now known as Divisoria, its nook and cranny, now lined with mid-rise buildings in a fusion of old and new, was once covered with grass and nipa huts.

On July 3, 1892, Jose Rizal and other nationalists founded the organization La Liga Filipina in a house on Calle Ilaya. Today, the street is sprawling with vendors in carts selling cheap goods, from shoes, dresses, to food and fruits. The buildings constructed there are either owned by Chinese businessmen or serve as bodega for wholesale consumers.

Days after La Liga Filipina was organized, Rizal was arrested and exiled to Dapitan. Bonifacio and some of his friends then decided to form a secret society. It happened on Calle Azcarraga (now Claro M. Recto Street). Most of the Katipunan's founding members hailed from Tondo.

The society's official newspaper Kalayaan was first printed in a house on Calle Lavezares (in Binondo), and later on in Calle Clavel.

It was also in Tondo where the betrayal of Teodoro Patiño took place. He told of the secret society to the district's parish priest, Fr. Mariano Gil.

One of the first members of Katipunan, Braulio Rivera, was born in Barrio Gitna, now named Sto. Cristo, one of the busiest market sites today in Divisoria.

Tondo sits along the coastline of Manila Bay. Several hundred years before, its blue waters served as a fishing haven for the residents. Its waters still serve a purpose for most of its residents. There is the North Harbor, and rural folk who opt to find their luck in Manila reside in shanties along the coastline.

The district of Tondo is enclosed by Manila-Caloocan in the north, the center of Rizal Avenue and San Lazaro in the center, Recto Avenue in the south, and Manila Bay in the west.

Long before the revolution in 1896 took place, a number of Tondo natives thought of freeing the Filipinos from Spain. Datu Agustin de Legazpi, son of Lakandula, and Martin Panga planned to bring down Spanish colonial rule in the 1587-1588 Conspiracy of the Maharlika.

Although the initial uprising was foiled, it is in the same district that the plot to overthrow the Spanish rule was planned, 300 years later.

The significance of Tondo in the history of the Philippines and independence from Spanish rule may have somehow sunk into oblivion. But little did its residents know that the street names of where they live actually suggest the richness of history.

Most of the noblemen included in the Conspiracy of the Maharlika were honored in the streets and even schools in Tondo. The famous Pitong Gatang Street popularized in a song and a movie is the name of one of the members of the group who was exiled to Mexico. Kapulong was the chief of Candaba, Pampanga, also exiled to Mexico. Tondo chief Magat Salamat now has a public school named after him. Raxabago was a Manila chieftain who also tried to oust the Spaniards in 1571.

The Sto. Niño Church of Tondo celebrates its feast day on the third Sunday of January. It was built in the 1850s. Its present location is where Augustinian Martin de Rada baptized Lakandula. Before, the imposing structure of the church was overlooking the sea. Today, houses, schools, and establishments embellished with jeepneys and pedicabs surround the busy vicinity of the church.

Amid the huge transformation of Tondo and the image it has become in the eyes of many people — a poor man's district — it still has hope to be remembered as the setting of Filipinos' yearning for freedom. Rizal, Bonifacio, Jacinto, Rivera, and many others walked the streets of Tondo. A part of heritage Filipinos would not want to forget. *Marlet D. Salazar*

Sources: "Streets of Manila" by Luning B. Ira, Isagani Medina, "Andres Bonifacio and the 1896 Revolution" by Milagros C. Guerrero, Emmanuel N. Encarnacion, and Ramon N. Villegas, and Inquirer Archives

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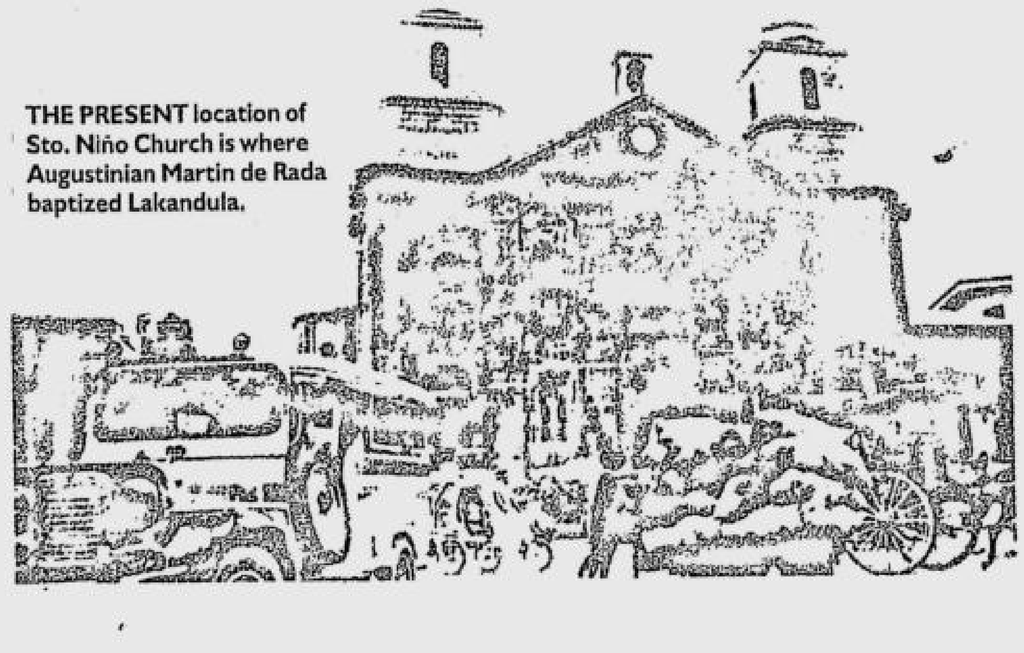
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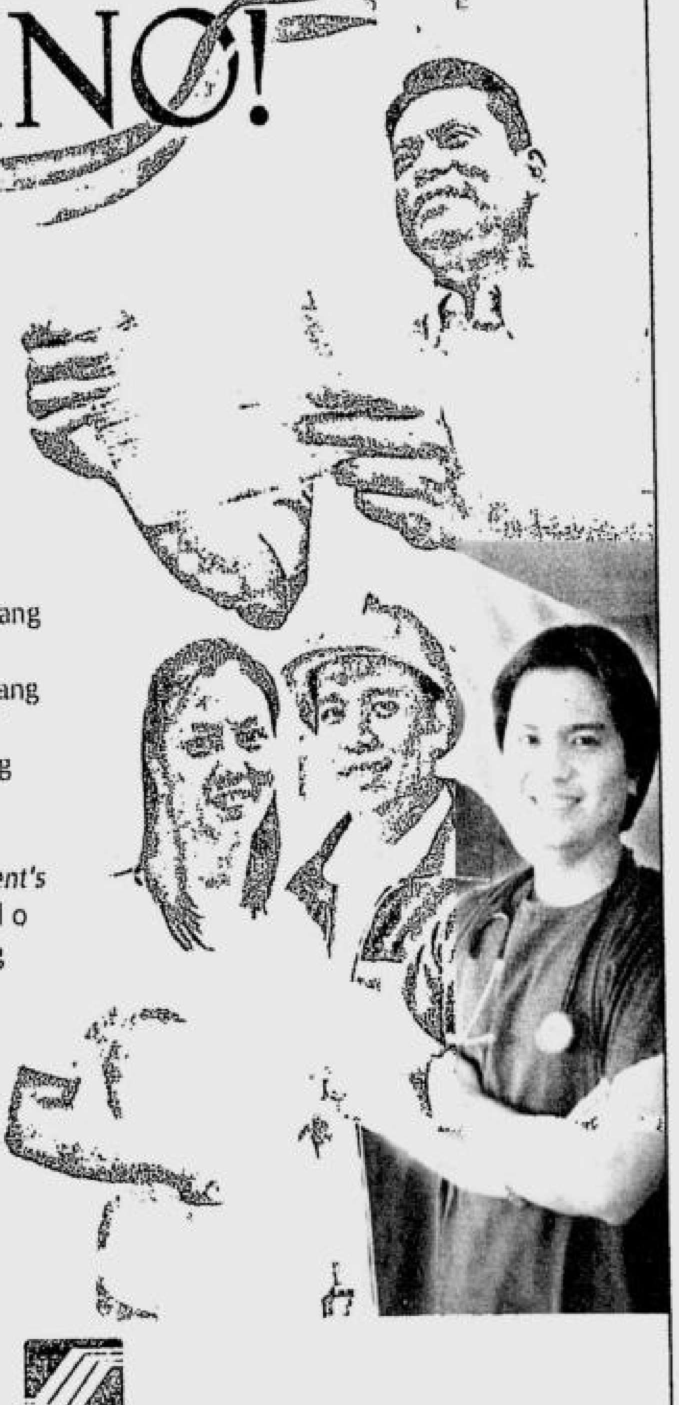

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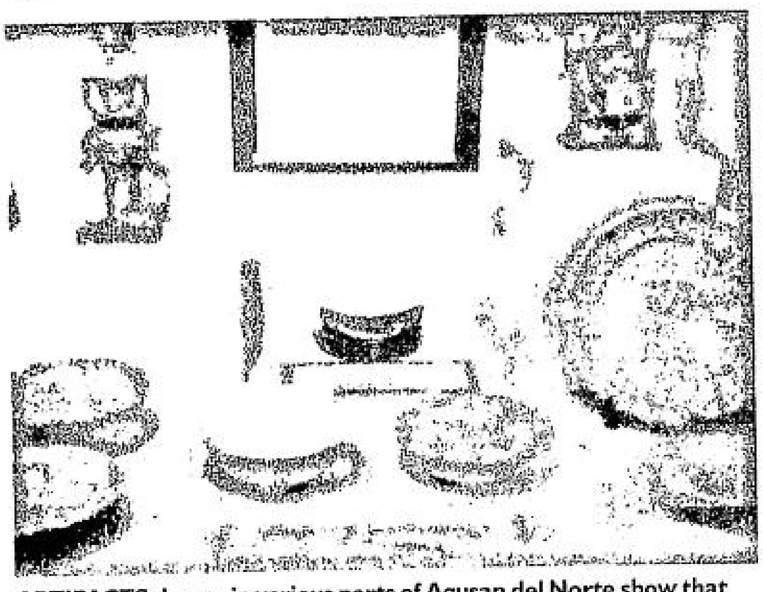

ARTIFACTS dug up in various parts of Agusan del Norte show that early settlements existed here even before the Spaniards came.

EVEN before the Spaniards colonized the Philippines more than 400 years ago, early settlements already existed in various parts of the country. These settlements show that we already had busy trading centers which had contacts with our neighboring kingdoms and a rich culture even before our colonizers arrived.

Though there was no central power then to make the Philippines a single nation, the existence of the settlements, however, prove that the archipelago had the chance to be independent had the Spaniards not colonized it first.

Among the early settlements during precolonial Philippines that have been identified so far, Butuan, the capital of Agusan del Norte, a province in the northern coast of Mindanao, is proving to be the country's oldest.

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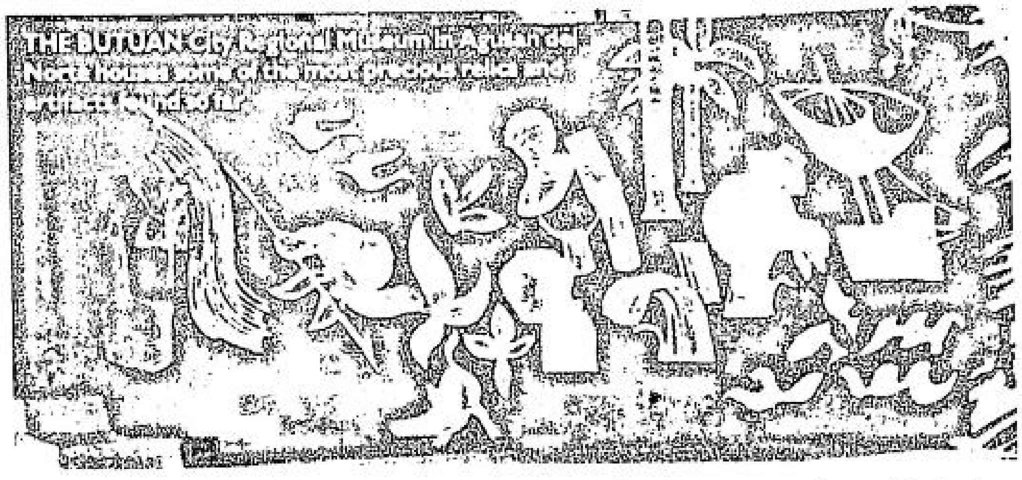

THE BUTUAN City Regional Museum in Agusan del Norte houses some of the most precious relics and [illegible]

Archeological findings, especially with the discovery of the *balanghai*, affirmed that a city existed long before the Spaniards came. The settlement was traced to as far back as the 3rd century. This just means that long before our country became a nation, there was already Butuan.

Though Limasawa has secured itself as the site where the First Mass in the country took place, Butuan, to this day, still claims to be where that First Mass was held. Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan is also believed to have proclaimed Spanish sovereignty over the country here in 1521.

At the town of Magallanes, which was named after the Spanish conquistador, is where you can find the Magellan marker. The marker, created by Spanish Gov. Jose Maria Carvallo, says that the First Mass was held here on April 8, 1521. In the same area is another monument dedicated to the early Christians who had settled here.

The *balanghai* boats were discovered in Ambangan, Libertad. They average 15 meters long and three meters wide and are associated with a people skilled in maritime.

Butuan was also already trading with Southeast Asian kingdoms around 700 B.C. Wares and ancient ceramics from the Ming, Soong and Soong-Yuan dynasties in China, Thailand, Vietnam and Khmer (Cambodia) were also discovered. The discovery proves that the settlement had contact with people from these countries.

Aklan, which is considered to be the oldest province in the Philippines, was organized in 1213. A settler from Borneo named it Minuro it Akean and includes what is now Capiz. The province is famous for the Code of Kalantiaw, a code of laws followed by the inhabitants of the area until Miguel de Legazpi arrived here in 1565.

Lopez de Legazpi divided Minuro it Akean into five *encomiendas*. These *encomiendas* were in Mambusa, Batan and Panay. Along with political changes, the Spaniards introduced Christianity, and in a short while thousands of Aklanons were baptized.

When the Arab missionaries began to arrive in the Sulu Islands during the 13th century, this led to the spread of Islam. Soon, the Sulu Sultanate was established and as Islam spread northwards to Mindanao, Maguindanao followed, establishing its own sultanate.

Bohol is said to have been inhabited by the *pintados* or the "tattooed ones." They had a culture of their own as evidenced by the artifacts dug up at Mansasa, Tagbilaran, Dauis and Panglao. These include porcelain pieces from the Ming (960-1279), the Tang and Sung Dynasty. Boat-shaped coffins dating back as far back as 500 years were also discovered.

Its most important event in Bohol's recorded history was in 1565 during the Blood Compact between the island's chieftain Rajah Sikatuna and Miguel Lopez de Legazpi.

Other areas where early settlements have existed are Cebu (on Mactan Island was where Lapu-Lapu's men killed Magellan) and Tondo (a birthplace of a lot of our noble heroes and also where the seeds of the Revolution were sown).

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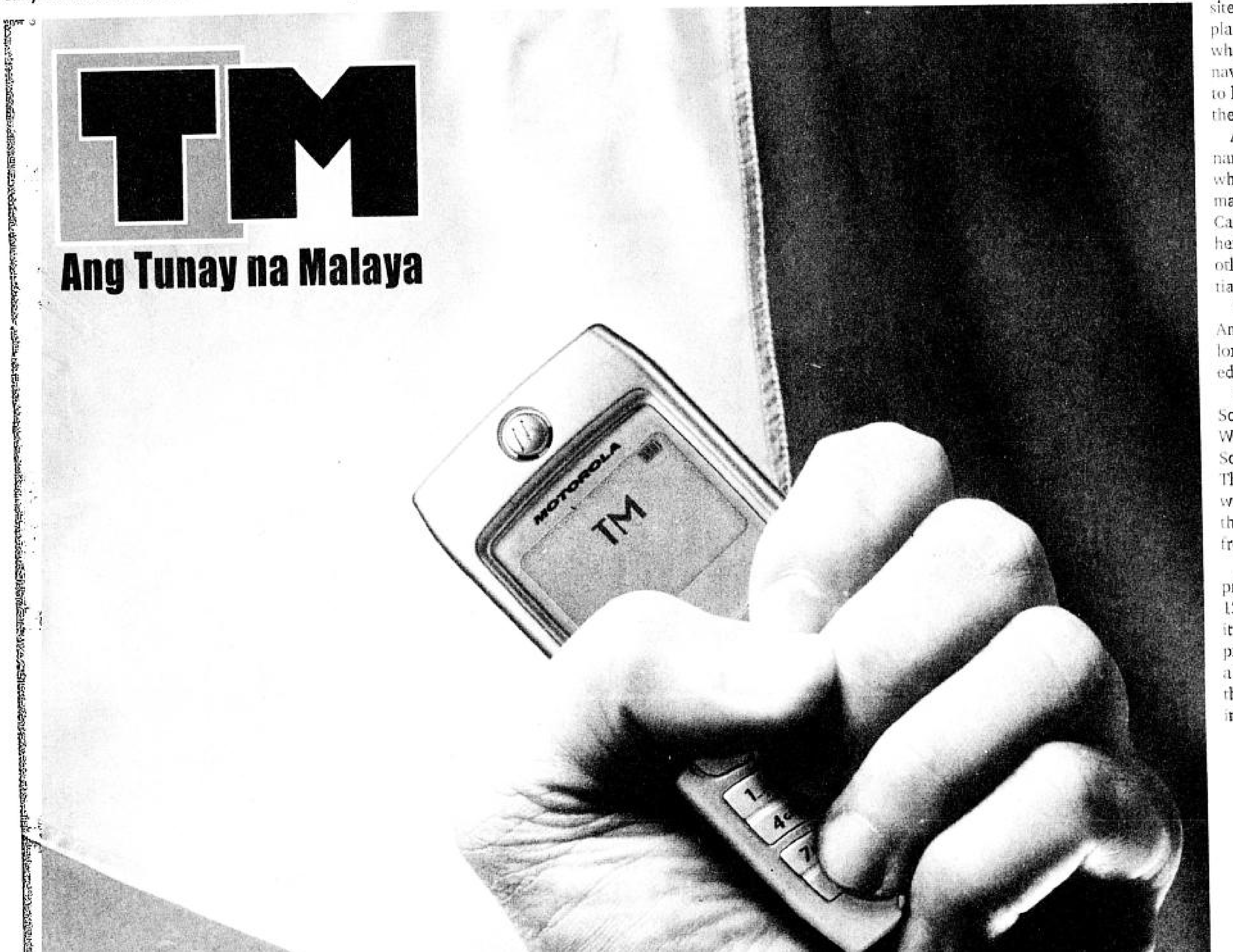

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Task Specialist, Policy and Environmental Management

Technical Accountabilities:

General Activities

1. Provides technical and administrative inputs to the Project Management Office (PMO) on various aspects of the project, specifically on the aspects of policies and environmental management
2. Coordinates logistics
3. Monitors the conduct of the activities according to specified / agreed timetable
4. Evaluates the outputs and outcomes of the activities
5. Provides recommendations to address the activity level for the Component 1 (EEL Policies, Standards and Guidelines Enhancement Program) and Component 5 (EEL Systems Waste Management Assistance Program)
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7. Ensures adherence to the prescribed management criteria (e.g. approved terms of reference, contractual obligations, quality control, etc.) is followed in the execution of the activities of the project components
8. Implements, monitors and evaluates activities according to prescribed procedures.

Specific Activities

1. Reports regularly to the Project Manager on the status of project activities vis-à-vis target outputs
2. Synthesizes activities and outputs of consultants and subcontractors involved in the project components
3. Provides assistance in management of project risks
4. Provides technical inputs during the conduct of annual advisory group meetings and the quarterly technical working group (TWG) meetings and in the preparation of quarterly financial / project progress reports
5. Provides technical inputs in the preparation of annual project report / project implementation review (APR / PIR) reports and other reports required by the UNDP

Qualifications:

1. Bachelor's Degree in engineering, public administration, business management, environmental science and economics, preferably with Masters Degree in the same or any other relevant fields
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2. Coordinates logistics
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8. Implements, monitors and evaluates activities according to prescribed procedures.

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Qualifications:

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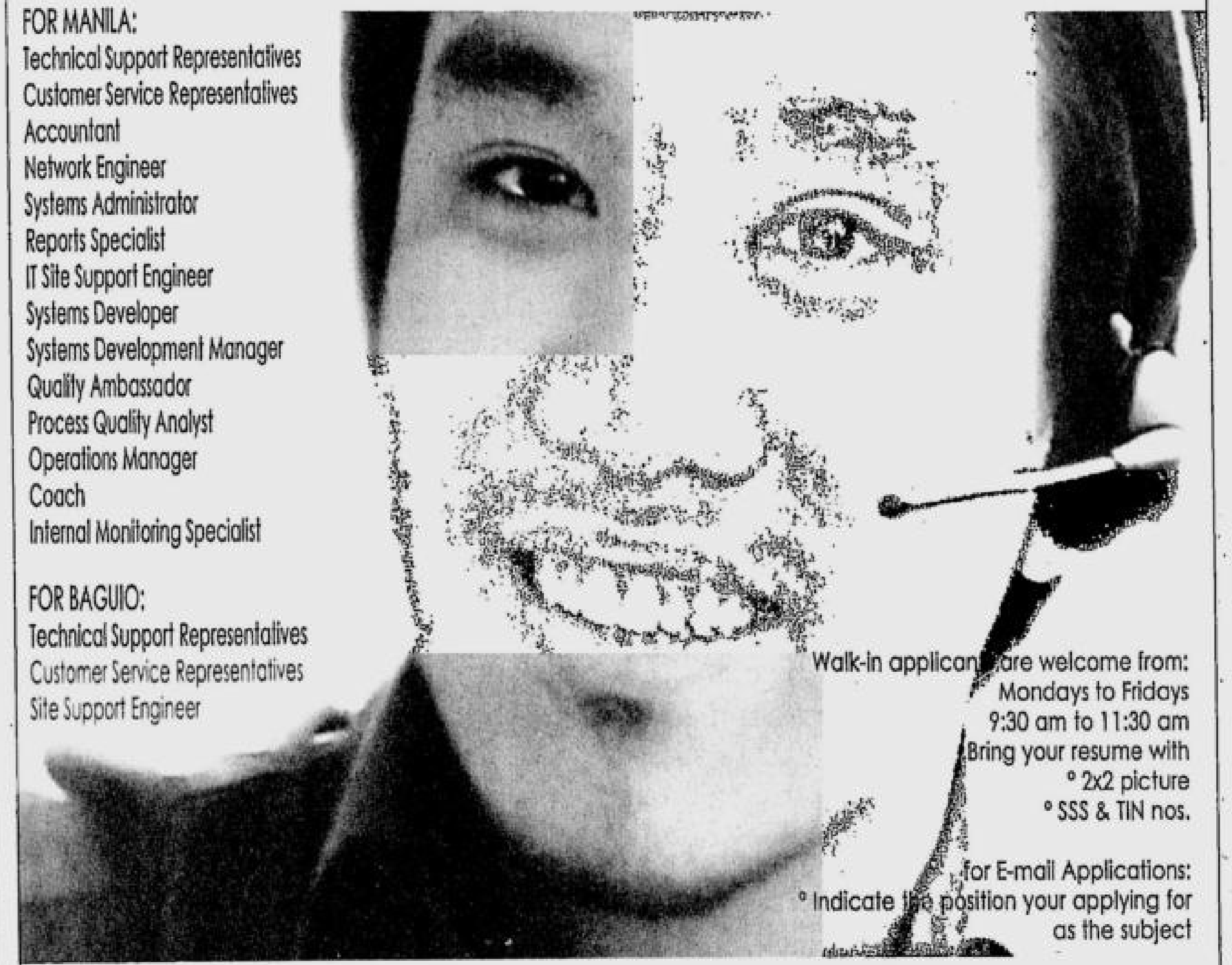

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Duties:

1. Keep abreast of USAID regulations to assist project staff, subcontractors, and grantees in adhering to the terms of the LEAD contract.
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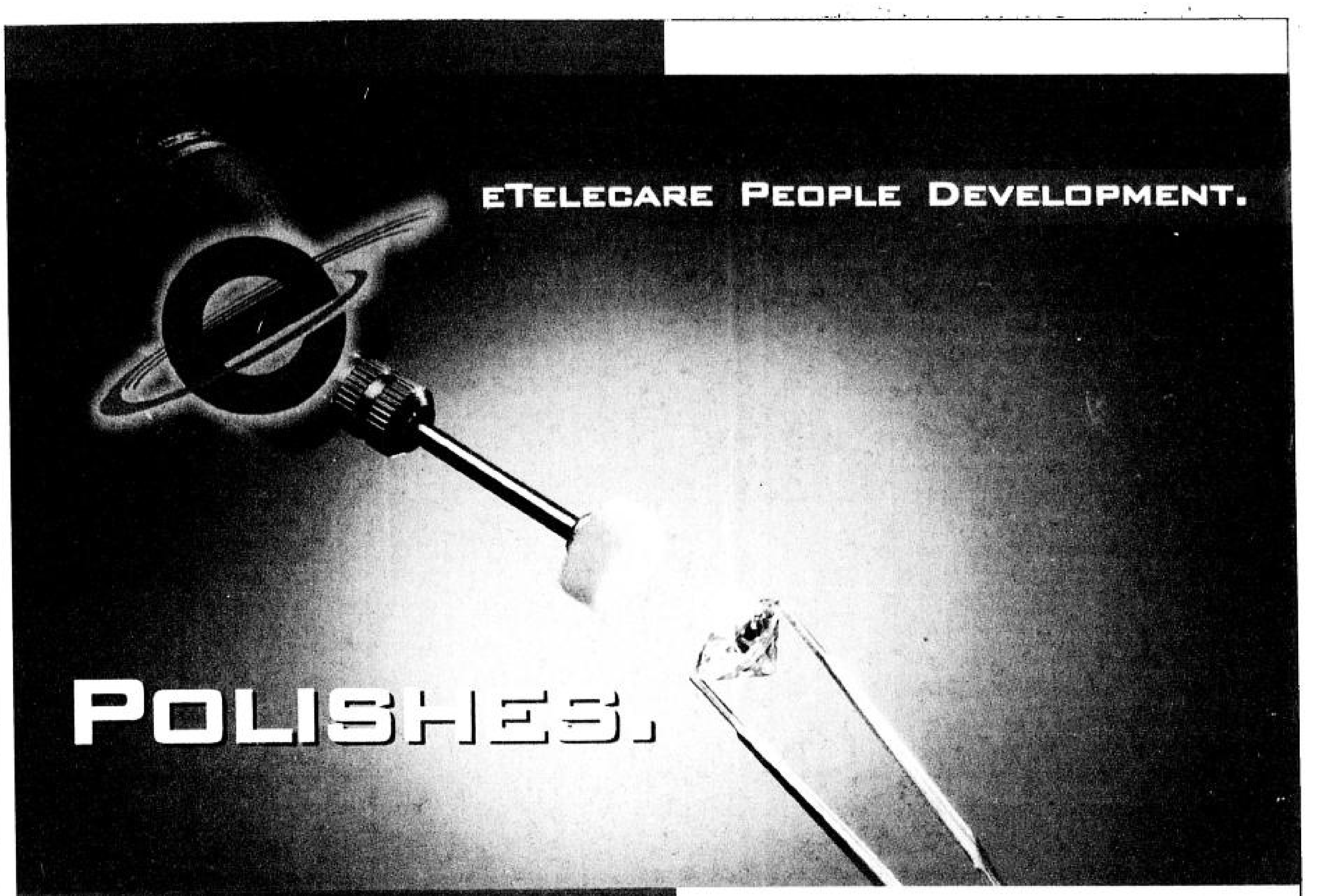
E-mail Address: rvliwanag@netgazer.com.ph



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KMBI

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The Business Development Service Director position is senior management level, reporting directly to the Executive Director. He/she will be responsible in the management, development of the Business Development Department, producing relevant business interventions and projects including, but not limited to, linkaging & networking, product development and marketing.

Qualifications:
- Graduate of any business course, an MBA degree is an advantage
- Adept in research and feasibility studies
- Knowledgeable in business policies, issues and trends
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- Has exceptional written and oral communication skills
- With proven expertise in managing business and at least 3 years of experience as senior manager in a related field

Support Service Head

The Support Service Head will manage the entire support service team of the organization. He/she will oversee the management of finance, personnel and general admin. departments. The position is for regular employment, reporting directly to the Executive Director and candidate must have senior management experience in related fields. A dynamic team leader, with proven expertise in finance and administrative duties.

Qualifications:
- Graduate of psychology, accounting or business course, an MBA degree holder is an advantage
- With in-depth knowledge of accounting systems and principles, labor regulations, human resource management, building and office management
- Has exceptional written and oral communication
- With 3 years managerial experience in related field

HR and Admin. Officer

The HR and Admin. Officer who will handle the management, implementation and further development of personnel and administrative activities, systems and policies. Dedicated, personable, detail-oriented and excellent people-handling and communication skills are among the primary requirements.

Qualifications:
- Graduate of Psychology or any business course
- With proven expertise in handling personnel, office and building systems and policies
- Minimum of 2 years supervisory experience in related field

Auditors

We are in need of field auditors who are aggressive and determined, willing to be assigned in Mindanao and in Luzon. Positions are open for regular employment. Applicants must have 1-2 years relative experience. Work entails travel and assignment in different branches.

Qualifications:
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- Proficient in written and oral communication
- Knowledge in accounting and auditing principles

Accountants/Accounting Associates

The position is for regular employment. Must be familiar in financial report analysis and preparation, hardworking, trustworthy and reliable.

Qualifications:
- Minimum of 1-2 years related experience
- Adept in accounting systems and principles
- Experienced in general accounting, cashflow projection, financial report preparation
- Familiar in Branch-Head Office and Head-Branch office reporting

BDS Associates/Assistants

The position is for regular employment. Applicant must be a graduate of any business or social course, willing to be assigned in Mindanao and in Luzon.

Qualifications:
- Knowledge in the conduct of research and feasibility studies, event coordination and training
- Excellent interpersonal, oral and written skills
- Has proven experience in project or business management

Admin. Associates/Assistants

The position is for regular employment. Practically will provide assistance in managing personnel and gen. admin tasks.

Qualifications:
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Interested applicants may submit their comprehensive resume, with 2 x 2 picture, together with other credentials at KMBI office, 12 KMBI Bldg., San Francisco St., Karuhatan, Valenzuela City, or email at kmbi@pldtdsl.net. You may also inquire at telephone nos., 291-1485-86; fax at 292-2441.

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(PLS. INDICATE CODE: APPLICATION AS SUBJECT HEADING)

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MSH LEAD

The Local Enhancement and Development (LEAD) for Health Project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Management Sciences for Health (MSH), aims to strengthen local government provision and management of family planning (FP) and selected health services (Vitamin A/MCH, TB, and HIV/AIDS), and to improve the policies and financing for these services. The Project will seek to improve the capacity of local government units (LGUs), particularly in cities and municipalities, to meet the needs of their constituents, especially the poor, for FP, TB, MCH, and HIV/AIDS.

The LEAD for Health Project is a three-year contract between USAID and MSH that ends on September 30, 2006. There are two 2-year optional extension periods.

MSH is currently seeking qualified candidates to fill in the position of

GRANTS MANAGER

Overall Responsibilities: The Project is expected to cover 530 municipalities and cities (LGUs) over the three years, covering around 40% of the national population, and 80% of the barangays in each LGU. Technical assistance to these LGUs will be provided by the LEAD Project using subcontracts to service implementation organizations (SIOs) both at the central and regional or provincial levels. In addition, selected LGUs will be eligible to receive performance-based grants of up to $25,000 for completion of a set of deliverables in furtherance of the Program's goals.

The Grants Manager will have primary responsibility within the Performance-based Contracts (PBC) Unit for implementation of the performance-based grants component of the LEAD Project. Under the direction of the PBC Manager and in close consultation with the US-based Senior Contracts Officer, she or he will have primary responsibility for developing and revising all templates and agreements for the grants program, as well as detailed procedures for the entire grants management cycle including: evaluating and selecting grantees, awarding grants and ensuring grantee payment; and working together with the Field Coordinators and the Performance Auditor, monitoring, reporting, and evaluating results The Grants Manager will also supervise a staff of Grants Specialists. Duty Station i Manila, Philippines

Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:
1. Collaborate with the PBC Manager, Senior Contracts Officer, USAID, and technical staff as appropriate in developing or adapting formats, procedures, and regulations to be used for formulating, negotiating, executing, monitoring, and closing grants according to USAID regulations and MSH policies.
2. Collaborate with PBC Manager, Senior Contracts Officer, and technical staff as appropriate to conduct workshops with LGUs to explain the grants process.
3. Oversee the documentation of the process by which LGUs are selected for awards.
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5. Assist the technical staff in formulating and negotiating the benchmarks for grantees.
6. Assist, as may be necessary, the grantees in complying with the terms of their agreements.
7. Collaborate with the Field Coordinators, Performance Auditor, and Finance staff, in developing and revising mechanisms for making payments and monitoring/reporting achievement of deliverables.
8. Revise and contribute to the LEAD grants management manual, materials, and resources. Administer the grants according to criteria and guidelines set forth by USAID, stated in the LEAD contract (and associated waivers letters and documents) and the LEAD grants management manual and guidelines.
9. Ensure that grantees comply with all USAID reporting requirements.
10. Provide technical assistance, training and/or mentoring to grants management staff, as assigned.
11. Supervise the grants management staff, as assigned.

Qualifications:
1. Graduate degree in public health, management, or equivalent relevant experience.
2. Significant relevant experience in grants management and financial/operational systems preferred.
3. Substantial experience implementing USAID-supported projects and knowledge of USAID regulations and procedures strongly preferred.
4. Experience working with and providing technical assistance to LGUs.
5. Excellent English speaking and writing skills are essential.
6. Previous supervisory and training experience required.
7. Demonstrated ability to work as a member of a team required.

An attractive and highly competitive compensation and benefit package awaits the chosen applicant. Qualified applicants are requested to send their application letter, with a comprehensive resume showing details of their work experience, academic background, and references not later than June 17, 2005 through any of the following:

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Ermita, Manila

Fax (632) 521-0950

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- Willing to travel and easily adjust the new environment
- Physically fit and healthy

SALES ENGINEER

- Handles MYCOM refrigeration system and equipment sales
- Licensed Mechanical and/or Electrical Engineer
- Mechanical, Electrical or Instrumentation backgrounds
- Minimum 3 years work experience in the similar industry
- Excellent communication skills in English
- Willing to travel and easily adjust the new environment
- Physically fit and healthy
- Must know how to drive

Qualified Applicants are invited to apply: mycom@pacific.net.ph
Please send resumé with photo. Interview will be set by appointment.

MYCOM PHILIPPINES CORPORATION
3F MRDC Bldg., 85 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
Tel: 844-07-67 Fax: 844-07-62
Contact person: Engr. Fernan Reyes

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QUALIFICATIONS:
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- Can work under pressure

Interested parties must apply in person with their comprehensive resume' with recent 2x2 picture at Unit 1809 Prestige Tower, Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center Pasig City • Tel Nos. 634-8690 / 97

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Job Title : PROJECT OFFICER

Skills and experience in the following are essential:
- **project assessment, monitoring, and evaluation skills and expertise, including alternative budget analysis and financial monitoring;**
- **knowledge of volunteer support and administration;**
- **ability to engage in capability and capacity building activities, especially in project and programme development;**
- **project documentation and presentation capabilities; including a strong grasp of relevant project data and information and skills in identifying and disseminating 'learning and best practices';**
- **a sensitivity to security issues and challenges, and a willingness to engage in security monitoring and evaluation;**
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Duties and responsibilities for the post include:
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2. Assisting the PM in assessing, monitoring, and evaluating project plans and proposals from partner organizations and other stakeholders.
3. Assisting the PM in volunteer administration and support

The successful applicant will be offered a one year contract, with possibility of extension.

VSO will cover the costs of relocation within reasonable limits for an applicant coming from Luzon or Visayas only.

Duty station is Iligan City, Lanao del Norte, Mindanao. The applicant should be in post no later than August 1, 2005.

All applicants should fill up a VSO standard application form which is available at www.geocities.com/vsophilippines. CVs will not be accepted. Please submit your completed application form to vsophilippines@yahoo.com

PREVIOUS APPLICANTS NEED NOT APPLY.

Deadline for applications is on June 24, 2005.
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- Computer literate
- Must be between the ages of 25-35 years old
- Willing to be assigned anywhere in the Philippines and in Southeast Asia
- Must have a high degree of integrity and sound judgment

WAREHOUSE ASSISTANTS/CHECKERS

- Must be a graduate of a 4-year course
- Must have work experience in warehousing operations
- Computer literate
- Must be between the ages of 25-35 years old
- Willing to be assigned anywhere in the Philippines and in Southeast Asia.

Deadline for submission of applications is on June 15, 2005. Interested applicants may mail or hand carry their comprehensive resumé with 2x2 picture and transcript of records to:

Personnel Officer
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5/F Pacific Star Bldg., Makati cor. Gil Puyat Ave.
Makati City

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Four bosses make assistant's life miserable

By Josie O. Santamaria

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

I AM FEMALE, 23 years old, single, and a graduate of Communication Arts from a prestigious school in Metro Manila. This is the second company I have worked for after graduation from college. My first job was in a call center company as a customer service representative. I stayed there for only eight months because I could not adjust to the graveyard shift and the constant bombardment of complaints from irate customers. Little did I realize, when I resigned from the call center to join my present company, that I was jumping from the frying pan to the fire.

I've been working for almost two years now as administrative assistant in a multinational company dealing with the marketing of consumer health products. While I have no more graveyard shift, reporting to and being under four different bosses is even more stressful, draining and debilitating.

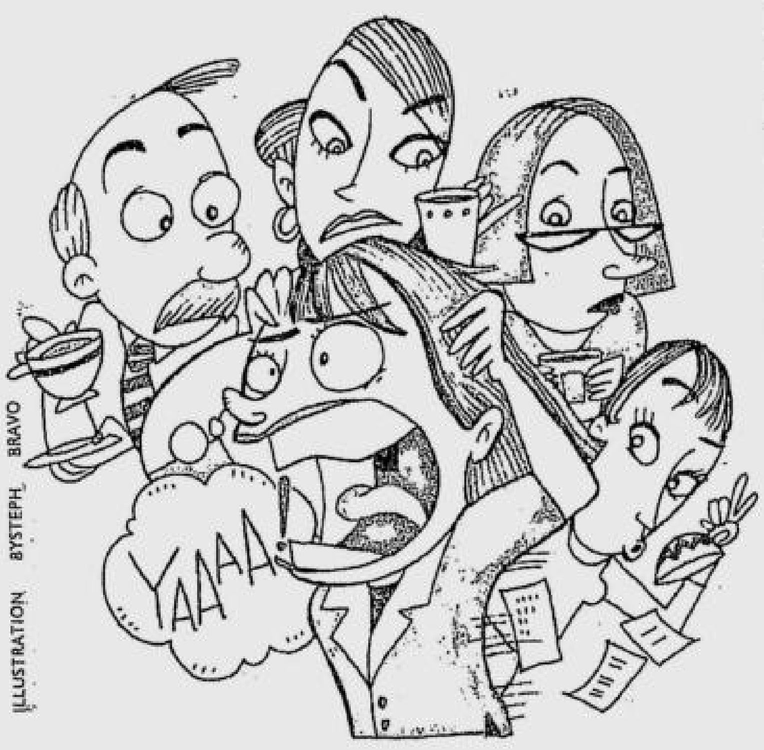
My four bosses (three females and one male) are all after results and do not accept excuses if I fail to submit their requirements. So I've stopped giving excuses, and do my best to cope but I feel miserable in the process. All four of them are in the habit of giving rush jobs and giving me deadlines, which most of the time conflict with one another. There are the endless routine matters I do for all four of them. They make me do everything for them, including making coffee three to four times a day. This means a total of 12 to 16 times a day that I mix coffee for them. All four of them appraise my performance and this is the basis of my continuous employment, my performance bonus, and, I suppose, my career advancement as well.

My problem is that I am overworked and overloaded with many tasks and I find no more joy in what I am doing. I find no sense of pride in my work because in my rush to submit printed materials or to complete tasks, I make mistakes and have to redo some tasks. I don't experience a sense of achievement and fulfillment when I see that I have to change a report and that some tasks are left undone. Only two of my bosses give me a pat on the back when I submit finished work.

I also feel physically and emotionally drained. I'm lucky if I can leave the office at 8 p.m., Monday to Friday. Very often, I work in the office on Saturdays to finish all my tasks. Three of my bosses want my cell phone to be open in the evening and even on weekends so I can be available to provide them with information or feedback. They get angry if I don't answer their text messages.

I hardly have any social life and seldom go to parties. I'm so tired from work that I spend my Sundays sleeping. I want to resign but it's hard to get a job in a good company where I receive a good enough salary and good benefits. What shall I do with my quality of life? Are there multinational companies which do not have this kind of practice of having too many bosses, and demanding at that!

Miss Exhausted



You have very vividly described your feelings of fatigue, exhaustion and frustration at having to cope with the requirements of four bosses. What are your options now? One, resign and look for another job. Two, keep your current job and continue to feel the way you do. Three, keep your current job, manage the situation and grow as a person. In the third option, you must find a way of managing yourself since you cannot manage your time. Your bosses control your time at work and what you do with it. But time management is essentially self-management.

Having to report to and doing the tasks given by several bosses are now becoming the norm in multinational companies, particularly for people in administration, such as administrative assistants and other assistants in various functional areas. So, resigning from your company, applying to and working in another could be another example of frying-pan-to-fire thing that you earlier mentioned.

Opportunities

So what can I advise you? First, see your work situation as an opportunity for you to develop your personality, your competencies and your professionalism. See the glass as half full, not as half empty. Your bosses are your number one customers; the tasks they give you are the reasons why you have a job. Be happy when they give you tasks to do. That means you are needed. So don't complain about them and about the tasks they give you. Complaining about your workload to other employees makes you look like a martyr but not a professional. In fact, you can see the 16 times you make coffee during the day for your bosses as an opportunity to take a breather from your computer, a physical exercise, or opportunity to connect with your officemates. But you have to manage your *chikahan* on this otherwise it becomes a time-waster.

Second, tell your bosses, one at a time, that you want to do a good job of what they want you to do but that you want to develop a system in doing your work. Ask them to classify the tasks they give you in accordance to urgency. Certain symbols may be used such as A urgent/rush; B urgent but can wait; C can wait for x number of days. Agree with them on symbols to be used. Within each symbol, numbers can be used such as A1, A2, A3, etc. Priorities of tasks given by a boss are established by the boss. Ask them to prioritize the tasks they give you. Dealing with your bosses on this basis will communicate professionalism and increase your emotional quotient.

Tasks monitoring

Third, time each of the tasks given to you by your boss, so you know how long it takes you to finish it.

Fourth, make a list of the tasks you have to do for the day, their priorities, the length of time to complete each task and for whom. Include even your routine tasks and taking calls. Write this down. Have a column for time finished and submitted.

Your chart can look like this:

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Work without pay

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

IT SEEMS very rare for us to find anyone who would do a job, serve and give his or her talent, skill, and energies for free. Every effort and time has a price, and the higher it is, the better. The bigger amount of money the worker is paid, the higher the esteem he has of himself. Likewise, others would look up to their colleagues with a six-digit salary, if not more. Higher pay generally provides the worker a feeling of greatness and satisfaction in himself or herself. In fact, almost everyone in the workplace would demand more and more pay and benefits and less and less work time and workload. It is rare to find one who gives more in work and expects less or perhaps nothing at all.

Yet, Jesus in today's Gospel, counsels His disciples and the apostles to serve and work for others "without cost"—for free. He challenges us to give to others what we have received as gift from God, which are: our life, talents, skills, abilities and our energies. If we accept this challenge of Jesus, we would then do our work recognizing that what we are, what we have and what we do are truly gifts from God and that our very work is our gift back to God. We would then think more of thanking God for His gifts to us as we do our work, than of focusing on the salary, big or small, we would be paid.

Our recognition of God's love and power over us makes us see the pay we receive for our work not only as that which is due and commensurate to us and our toil and therefore demandable by us, but as something more valuable than money—a pleasing and satisfying act of gratitude to God, our Creator. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net.)

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

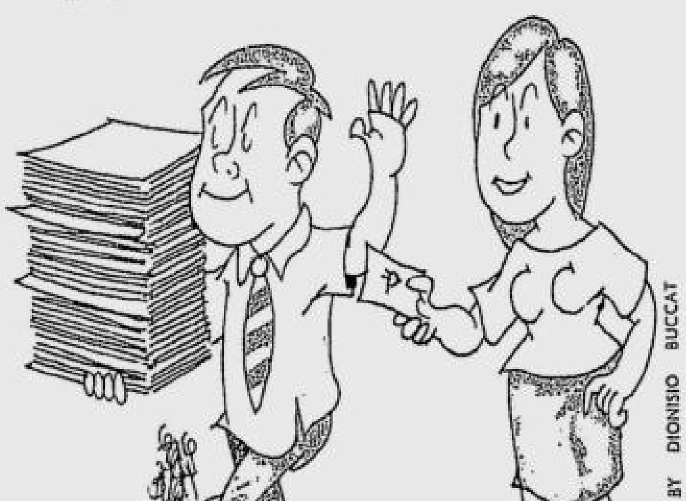
Would you work for free?

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

IF YOU look around the workplace, you'll surely see people who are so talented that they're practically the lifeblood of the company. You'll find them in any industry, people who are so gifted that at times they can achieve the impossible, like making a financial success of an otherwise dying company. But notice, too, that these people who obviously have more, charge more. They were born gifted—lucky for them—but their services are not for free. Chances are they're also among the highest paid and the most admired at work, all of which could make you think that life—or even God—is unfair.

That's the conclusion you may come to if you're sort of myopic, if your horizon extends only up to the walls of the workplace. The truth is there are other gifted people out there who, besides working to earn their daily keep, also do extra work without pay. For them, work or service is a way of thanking The One who gave them much without cost, and so they share with others what they have been given, also without cost. (Happily, you might find a rare few of them among the highest paid in your place of work!)

So, where does the difference lie between those who use their talents purely for self-promotion and those who utilize their gifts to benefit others as well? The former may make you seethe with envy; the latter could show you work's rewards not reflected in bank statements but make you feel you're a child of the richest Father in the universe. How's that for erasing the furrows on your forehead? (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com.)



Gospel: Matthew: 9: 36- 10:8

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

How do you deal with coworkers when you disagree?

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I have a coworker with whom I frequently disagree. We disagree on how to approach projects, how to deal with customers, etc. I have to work with him, what can I do?

No Fight Left

Two Mexican farmers from Jalisco learned the hard way about the risks of letting a dispute simmer for a long time. Brothers-in-law Manuel Orozco and Candelario Orozco decided that a duel was the only way to resolve their years-long argument over water rights. Unfortunately, both of them died from gunshot wounds.

You're not going to get in a duel with your coworker, but constant bickering could end up shooting holes in both of your careers. I'd suggest that the next time that a disagreement presents itself, you sit down and ask the person the questions that I've listed below. For more insight and strategies, check out Peter Senge's "Fifth Discipline Fieldbook" (Currency, 1994).

"How did you arrive at that view?" Believe it or not, people often have a reason for believing what they believe. Taking the time to ask your coworker about his view could provide you a new idea on how to approach the issue, could give you insight into how he arrived at a position different than yours or could finally prove that he is totally crazy. Simply asking them about their position increases the odds that you can find common ground.

"If I understand you correctly, you're saying that...?" Saying this serves two purposes. First, it helps you to really understand his position. Second, it shows him that you're really trying to understand what he's trying to say. The important part is to not to put all your efforts into persuading him, the focus here should be on understanding his position.

"Have you considered...?" There are two ways to handle this question. You can try to ram your ideas down his throat or you can brainstorm with him about creative new possibilities. Doing the latter should create a stronger bond with them. Doing the former usually only widens the gulf.

"When you say ____, I worry that it means..." This is where you up the ante by talking more specifically of the negative impacts that you see. It is very important for you to clearly show him the implications that you see and that you listen to what he says in response. Give them the chance to convince you and you just might be surprised.

"I have a hard time seeing that because of..." You do not have to capitulate to his position. But the goal of these questions is to give him the chance to persuade you. If he doesn't, then clearly tell him your reasons for not supporting his position. Progress doesn't require that you agree, it simply requires that you both hear each other out.

It's always more productive to shoot with, rather than at, your coworkers. Use these tips so you can start the process of firing in unison.

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com online ballot: When you have a disagreement with a coworker do you...

—Try to explain your view, 22 percent

—Try to understand their view, 22.8 percent

—Try to move on, 55.1 percent

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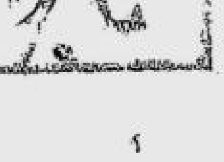


What makes a man: Corporate dressing for men

By Candy G. Villanueva
Contributor

(Continuation)

THE BARONG Tagalog, or the *baro ng Tagalog* (dress of the Tagalog), is always a nice alternative to the dress shirt or the suit. This quintessential Filipino garment is not only a shirt. "The Barong Tagalog is a dress, a garment, a coat in itself," claims www.myBarong.com. For this reason, it would be wise to have at least one in your closet. The most popular choices for office wear are the ramie linen, the ramie cotton and the polyester linen. Polyester linen is a good choice because it doesn't wrinkle. Ramie linen, also known as the *gusot mayaman*, is an elegant pick. "It's made of linen fiber and has a very crisp appearance to it. The downside is that it wrinkles very easily, hence its name," explains Melissa de Ocampo, design manager of Exclusively His.

For more formal events, consider jusi and piña. Jusi comes in a variety of colors. Pick the natural or cream hues. The piña fabric is the most delicate of all. However, it lasts longer than the other fabrics if cared for properly, making it a great investment. The piña silk is the most expensive.

Again, de Ocampo suggests looking at the collar when shopping for a barong. The pointed collar is often the most popular choice. "Make sure your tailor uses a good inner fusing for the inside of your collar so that it stands firmly. Preferably, ask that it has a collarbone." A collarbone is a pointed plastic strip that you insert in the edge of your collar to keep its point in shape.

The barong comes in different shapes and designs. You can choose between the half-length button opening or the full length button opening. The different styles include *pechera*, *raya*, *pelaez* and *chanepa*. They vary mostly in embroidery. If you're looking for a contemporary look, opt for the *chanepa's* wide band of embroidery around the bottom border. The *raya*, on the other hand, makes a bold statement with the embroidery all over the barong. The other styles are more traditional. "Embroidery plays between the U-shape embroidery which means it forms a letter U around your half-open buttons. If the barong is full open, meaning it buttons all the way to the bottom, then you choose a full open design for your embroidery." Exclusively His also recommends the Oriental look. Consider Chinese collars and Chinese cloth buttons for a trendier style.

Sleek in slacks

Two of the most common sins men commit when wearing their pants is either they wear it too low under the waist making them look sloppy or too high above the waist giving them a disproportionate look. According to de Ocampo, pants should fit one inch below the waist. The seat of the pants should fit comfortably without appearing too long or baggy; neither should it ride up the crack of your buttocks.

The length of your pants should fall on the top of the heels of your shoes. So when you're trying on a new pair of pants, make sure you have your shoes on. Give as much attention to the inside as well as the outside. The finishing inside should be clean and well sewn. Look for extras like reinforcement in the crotch area and inner button for a smart fit. "Think longevity as well. Men are more likely to buy shirts frequently versus their pants," adds Jody Ochoa, brand communications manager of Memo. Again, choose darker colors like black, navy blue, charcoal gray, dark pinstripes and chalk stripes. Although khaki is also a popular choice, Memo's brand communications manager thinks it is less formal.

Tying it all in

Now that you've got the basics, pull your look together with a tie. Always opt for a silk tie, 100-percent silk as much as possible. For prints, the time of Mickey Mouse and Marvin the Martian has long passed. Instead, go for stripes, paisley and dainty prints. 'The key is to find the color of the pants and shirt in the tie so it coordinates well," says de Ocampo. When choosing the right color, your shirt should highlight one color from the print in your tie. Make your tie the focal point of your outfit and build around it. Pick a tie that will match at least two or three of your shirts. When wearing a suit, make sure your suit is darker than your shirt and your tie is darker than your shirt. Your shirt and tie may also be of the same shade.

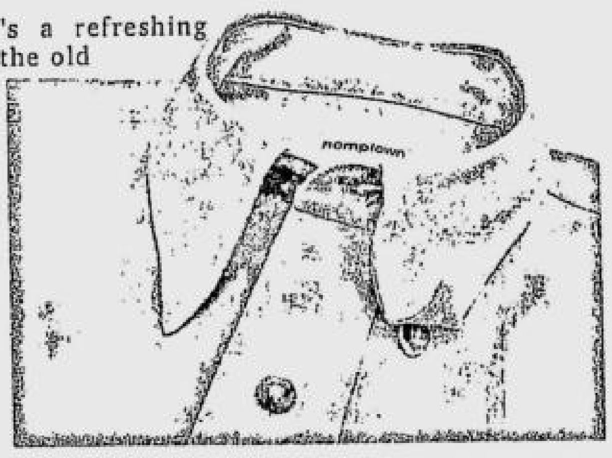
Never ever resort to clip-on ties; it's a lazy option that says you can't handle a task as simple as tying a tie. There are actually different ways to wear a tie depending on the type of collar you're wearing it with. It's simple; the wider the collar, the wider the knot. The Windsor knot is the easiest to learn. There's also the half Windsor knot, the four-in-hand knot and the pratt knot. Keep in mind that a properly tied necktie will have a dimple under the knot. Finally, remember that the tie should always fall mid-buckle.

Shoes, socks and suspenders

It is true—you really could tell a lot from a man through his shoes. Always keep them clean and polished. Lace-ups are the best buys. "It shouldn't look too chunky or the heel too massive for the office; keep it tasteful," advises de Ocampo. Ochoa says that if you do a lot of walking, consider comfort and functionality in addition to style. "Don't cheat yourself with cheap shoes; they're called cheap because they look like it."

Always wear a pair of dark socks. Don't fool yourself into thinking that since it's inside your pants, nobody would notice. Make sure that it is calf high or long enough so that no skin shows under the hem when you're seated. Match the color either with your pants or with your shoes. From pants to socks and then to shoes, go from dark, darker to darkest.

The color of the shoes should match the color of the belt and even your briefcase, clutch bag or leather portfolio as much as possible. The belt should be leather. No ifs and buts. A great alternative to the belt, specially to those who nurture a potbelly, is the suspenders. It's a refreshing break from the old belt. Pick one that compliments your tie and never wear it with a belt. Belts and suspenders share one purpose, to keep your pants around your waist.



Best accessory

By accessories, we don't mean rings or earrings. Leave that to the ladies, although wedding rings and college rings are acceptable. The best piece of jewelry to have is a wristwatch. Save plastic, digital and sports watches for your outdoor activities. Choose a watch with a second hand and clear markers. Steel is a great option because it will match with almost anything. If you prefer leather, make sure the color matches with your belt and shoes.

Keep your ties in place with a tie bar, a tie clip, a tie tack or a tie chain. The tie bar and tie clip attaches your tie to the shirt. The tie pin is pierced through your tie while its metal weight and chain is slipped through one of the button holes of your shirt. The tie chain is attached to one of the buttons of your shirt with a hook, and the chain around your tie keeps it in place.

If you want to invest on a pair of cuff links, go for silver; it goes with almost anything. Those with precious stones are best reserved for formal affairs.

Always wear the jewel face to the outside of the wrist. Double-folded shirts or French cuffs always require the use of cuff links. Once you've got the cuff links fastened, don't forget the best accessory you can ever wear, your smile. It conveys more confidence than a diamond set platinum cuff links.

With all these tips for the corporate man, make sure you suit up for success.

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How to cope with challenges of a single, working mom

By Joedith Marie Lego
Contributor

I HAVE no idea what it means to be single and unattached. I fill out a form. Name—that's easy, I've been writing it down even before kindergarten. Sex—that too is easy, a simple letter F. Status, hmmm, I should really mark M for married but I increasingly have a hard time doing so because I can hardly recall what being married means anymore. It's been 18 years since my husband and I lived in the same house. I'm one of those women who are functionally single but infuriatingly still legally married and, therefore, banned from marking S down as my status.

And that is only a trivial facet of our reality as single mothers.

Being one parent short

"Mom, it's achievement day at school and you have to come," my six-year-old daughter called as I rushed out the door.

"OK," I responded, thinking that it was just one of those mom-just-has-to-do kind of things which I have to juggle with the demands of being a new career woman. Against all the odds of getting a meeting finished on time and getting through the sea of vehicles between Intramuros and Quezon City, I got to the school towards the end of the program. To my horror, I discovered that my eldest daughter was a recipient of an award and was the only child to go up the stage to receive hers alone. It's an image that still haunts me to this time.

And then there's the "Mommy, its our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) meeting," says the elder. "Ours too," insists the younger. Now why do they have to schedule PTA meetings all at the same time for different grade levels? That is my life, always one parent short for different school activities. And I have always found abstaining the easiest course of action to take. After all, there are more important things to do, like doing the groceries or finishing a report.

Facing up to the tyrant

The more difficult times are the times of illness and these are not infrequent. My *bunso* has a rare blood disease. Our routine, which started when she was four, included transfusions every other month. I got it all down to a T—had a hospital bag all packed, SSS documents and insurance certifications made ready for the next hospitalization. School breaks were the easiest on my schedule. I could bring both kids to the hospital like we were checking in for a night or two at a hotel. I would also have the help of the elder in caring for the younger.

Life has been a tyrant. It demands that I constantly pour out my love and give of myself with no way of ever getting much back. I have made sure that my children turn out well lest people say that I deserved to be left by my husband because I was a bad mother. I have determined to look good in the eyes of my ex's family and friends so that they will not fault me for our failed marriage. I have tried to show that I am better than the woman my husband exchanged me for.

Unfair deals

Yes, I am single but bound to the world of responsibilities, expectations and restrictions of the married. Single but with none of the rights and real freedom of the status. Life has been grossly unfair. I have found myself angry at my husband, angry at the world, angry at myself and even angry at God.

But what good does that do? What do I gain if I prove them wrong and myself right? How does that help me or anybody else? What I really need is healing and wholeness. This is probably what most single mothers need.

Carpe diem

Yet, instead of seeking healing, I attacked life with everything I had. "Carpe diem," "sieze the day," they say—so I worked really hard and played really hard. I moved up the career ladder and became a success. I defined a set of minimum expectations for myself as a parent. Although my time was limited, I made sure I was there when my kids really needed me.

"Darling, I will have to admit that my work is more for me than for you. But I want you to know that you are even more important to me. So if you ever want to talk to me, even if you think it's not important, just tell me and I will drop everything I'm doing to listen to you." This I said to my nine-year old daughter.

Even in play, I unleashed myself like lightning. I got in and out of relationships that offered intimacy with none of the expectations that could complicate my life. I took charge of my life and defined my realities. Still, I was deeply unhappy.

Mending the broken pieces

I applied the counseling principles I learned from my post graduate studies on myself which, of course, didn't work. So I sought therapy, catharsis and new age meditation, which merely gave me a semblance of peace and calm. I even dabbled in the occult. None of these helped me to heal inside.

Those 18 years of my life led up to the cognitively comprehensible but emotionally unknowable lesson that the road to healing and wholeness starts with forgiveness. Hard as I tried, I could not seem to get to a real state of forgiveness—towards my spouse, the woman who stole my husband, and the woman who allowed that other woman to steal my husband—myself. While I had decided early on to forgive my husband, I found myself forgiving with a tinge of "*makikita mo*" attitude at some point, a "*bahala ka sa buhay mo*" outlook at another point, and a "*buti nga sa'yo*" frame of mind at a much later point.

Liberating forgiveness

I was not aware that there are all those forms of forgiveness. With each one, I would always find myself hurting all over again because of some stupid thing the father of my kids did again. And that too got to be really tiring. At each instance, I would say, "I thought I have cried my last."

Yet while I thought it can never come, liberating forgiveness can be found, but it can only come from God. Only by His grace and His mercy can the deep gashing wounds be bound and healed. Only then can a single mother like me find real freedom—free from the gaping need to feel loved and secure. Free to be whole on my own.

Wholeness in perspective

Have you ever heard the lines "I love you because you complete me," or was it "I love you because you make me whole"? On a similar note, another line says, "I love you because of who I am when I'm with you." Jadedness aside, I now know that such is not the road to wholeness and neither should it be the foundation of love. People change. We all do. To be made complete by someone now is to be made increasingly incomplete as each one grows and changes in a different direction. To be blissfully whole because of someone is to be unscrewed at the hinges when that someone goes and moves along as we all do.

Single and free to be whole

In the end, being single but attached ceases to be such a bad thing. And you know how I know so? Last April, speech after speech during my youngest daughter's debut, her friends kept talking about how fortunate she is to have the family that she has. To my surprise, one even said "You're so blessed, you have everything...even a perfect family." That came as a surprise to me. Mine is a small and broken family, yet until now, I didn't realize it can be perfect in the eyes of my daughters' friends.

Yes, it's definitely possible, single and whole on my own.

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Four bosses make assistant's life miserable

From page 5★★

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Fifth, show this chart to each of your bosses. Ask them before they leave the office to tell you what the tasks are that they want you to do for the following day.

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Time for self

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Overstretched and stressed employees become ineffective: they commit more mistakes, they become irritable and impatient to co-employees. And, they grow older beyond their age.

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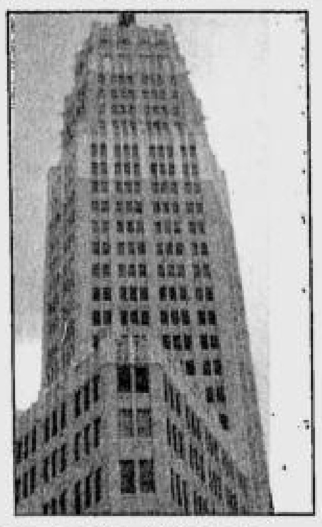

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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

Budji Layug

A Filipino Designer
World

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For this acclaimed furniture designer and creator of wondrous spaces—who's also a devoted son, loving father, travel bug and passionate painter—going global begins with knowing, celebrating and expanding one's own Filipino identity

IT'S LIVING proof of the occasional irony that we sometimes have to look far and wide to find who we really are. After seven years of wandering the world, studying interior design at the New York School of Interior Design, taking painting at the American School in Paris, and learning how to cut and style hair at Vidal Sassoon in London, Antonio "Budji" Layug came home to the Philippines and saw some men hacking bamboo for a *banca* one day on a beach. Such was the quiet genesis of a love affair with the resilient and versatile wood that would become a virtual trademark for this internationally renowned interior and furniture designer. One could say, in fact, that Layug crossed a bamboo bridge right into the world market.

Not that he was really in search mode during those exhilarating days in the late '60s and early '70s, Layug recalls, when the 17-year-old Ateneo high school graduate took off, with his beloved mother Herminia's blessing, to see the world. "I was part of the hippie generation, and I didn't know where I would end up next," he recounts with a laugh, sitting in one of the many stylish nooks of his showroom in Makati. "It was not a conscious thing, searching for something. I just wanted adventure, to see the world and have fun. At a young age, I was already open to beautiful things, and seeing that all over the world made it 'normal' for me. It became natural, and I absorbed it." Sometimes Layug wonders now how he managed at that age, by himself. "Luckily, it was my mom who pushed me. She opened the door, and I went. My sensibility would not have been the same if I didn't do that, if I wasn't exposed. I probably would have just ended up copying or looking to the west. But because I was out there, I came to appreciate what we have and experimented with it—bamboo, leather on rattan, mother-of-pearl. I'm always asking, what can I do with the material?"

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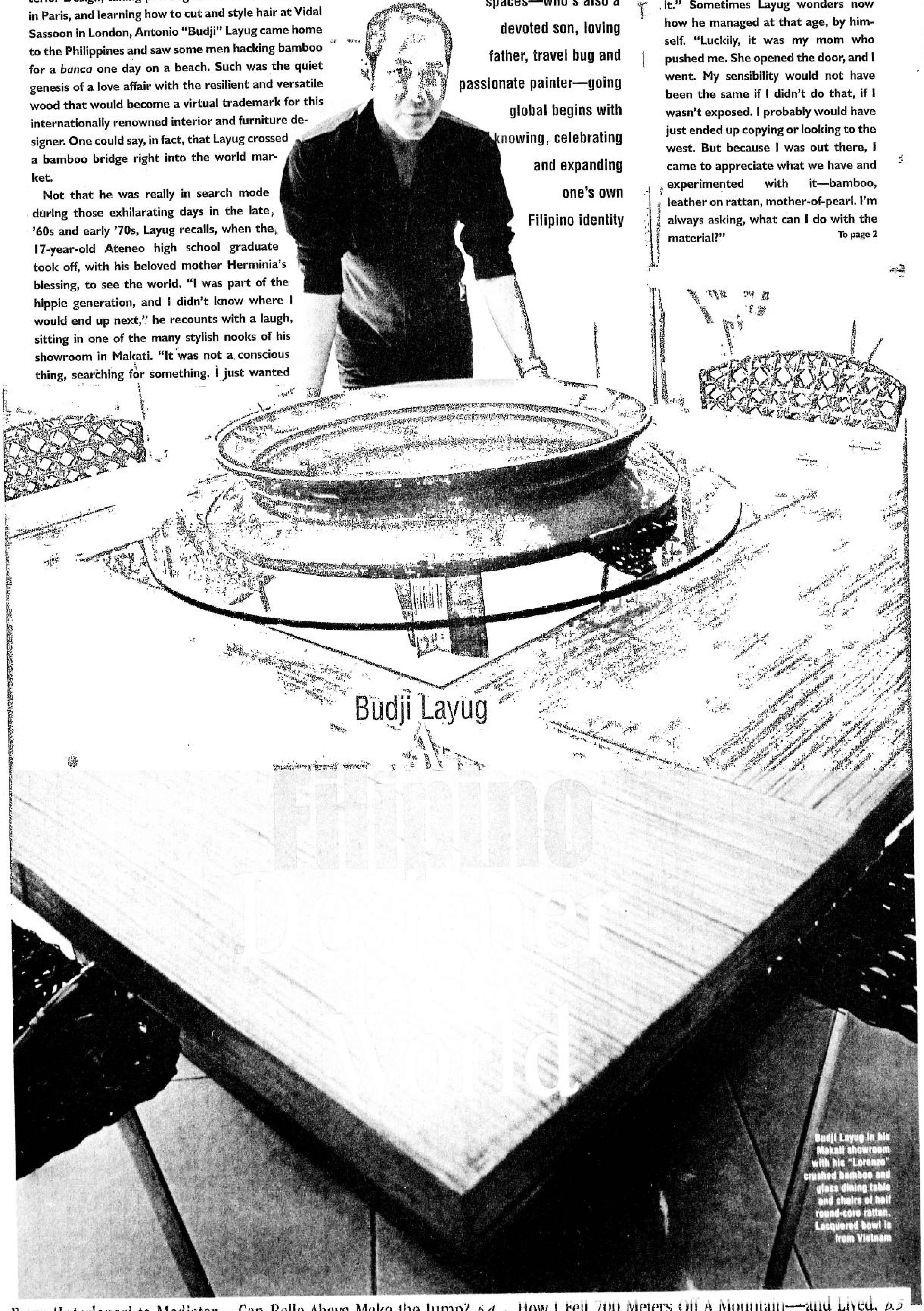

Budji Layug in his Makati showroom with his "Lorenzo" crushed bamboo and glass dining table and chairs of half round-core rattan. Lacquered bowl is from Vietnam

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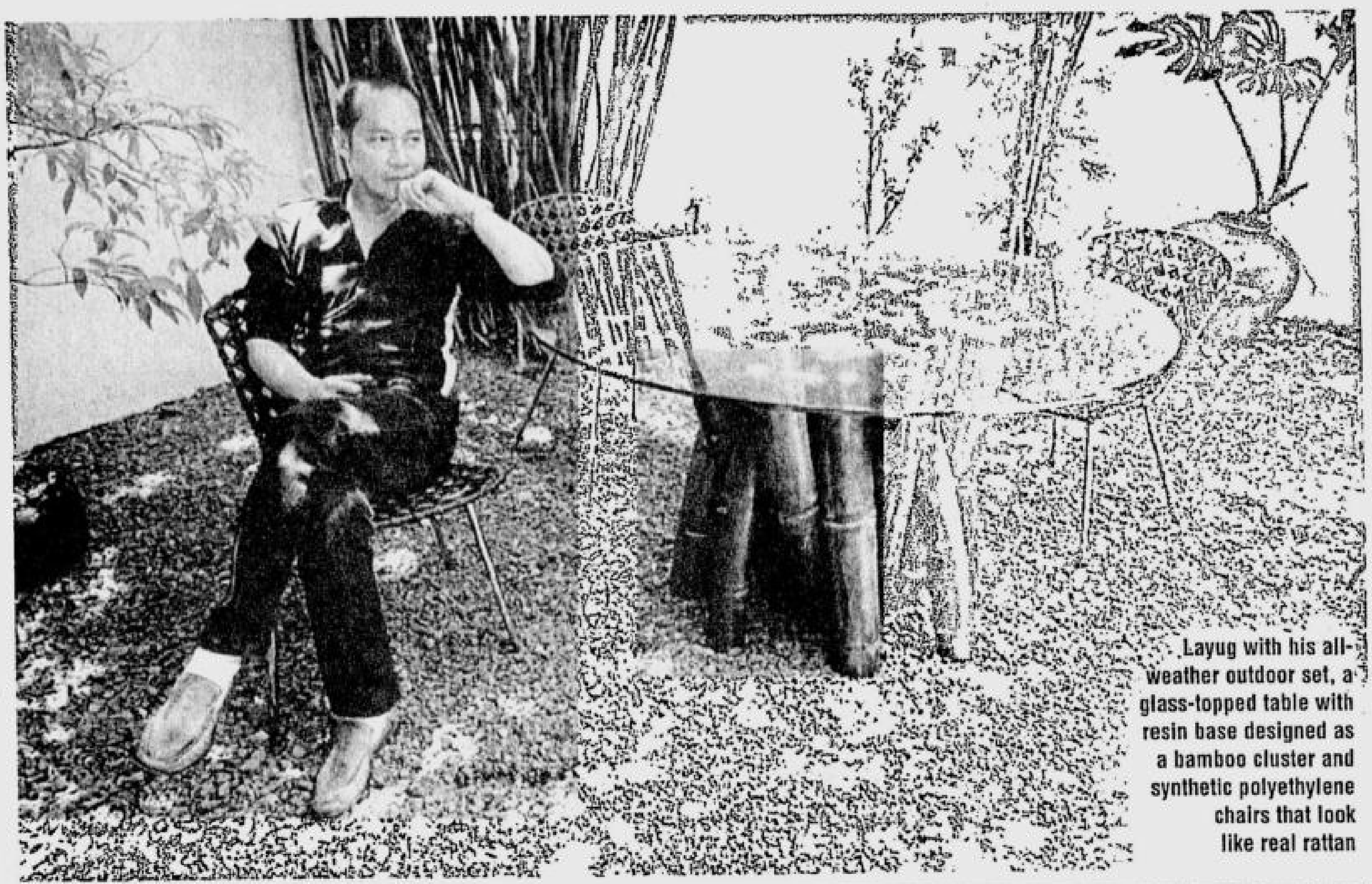

Layug with his all-weather outdoor set, a glass-topped table with resin base designed as a bamboo cluster and synthetic polyethylene chairs that look like real rattan

Today, 30 years after designing his first pieces of furniture in 1975, Layug is an international presence. He has shops in Bangkok and Kuala Lumpur, has been carried by Bloomingdales, Lord and Taylor, and Harrod's, and has showrooms in San Francisco and Los Angeles. His lines sell briskly in representative stores from Australia to Spain. He was also the "midwife" of Movement 8, the group of designers gathered by the Center for International Trade and Export Missions (CITEM) to make the Filipino design presence felt in Valencia, Spain, and later in Paris, Milan, Cologne and New York in the mid-'90s. Today, Layug is known as a total designer who can create an entire structure from scratch, working with architect Royal Pineda and then filling spaces with exquisite interiors that have virtually changed the idea of contemporary Philippine design. "It started with bamboo, because the material already has that Asian character and all that detail, I just thought of coming up with the simplest lines to make it classic. Filipino design for me has got to do with material, and then only later do you go into form, as form varies."

And what of his oft-bandied label as a "global designer"? "That simply means it appeals to a global market—it can go into the eastern, Mediterranean, tropical, or Scandinavian setting. But always, it must be modern."

A headstart

Layug had a headstart in appreciating design simply because of his genes. He was born in Manila, the third of eight children. Mother Herminia was the breadwinner, but she worked with her brother, engineer Agustin Cancio of the famed Cancio furniture designers, who have been around since the '60s. "I grew up seeing all this, so I learned a lot. Names like Lor Calma, Ched Berenguer, Willi Fernandez—I would see them and their work. Early on, I already knew I would get into design." Layug did get into architecture at the University of Sto. Tomas, but he didn't finish his degree, opting instead to make the big, wide world his classroom.

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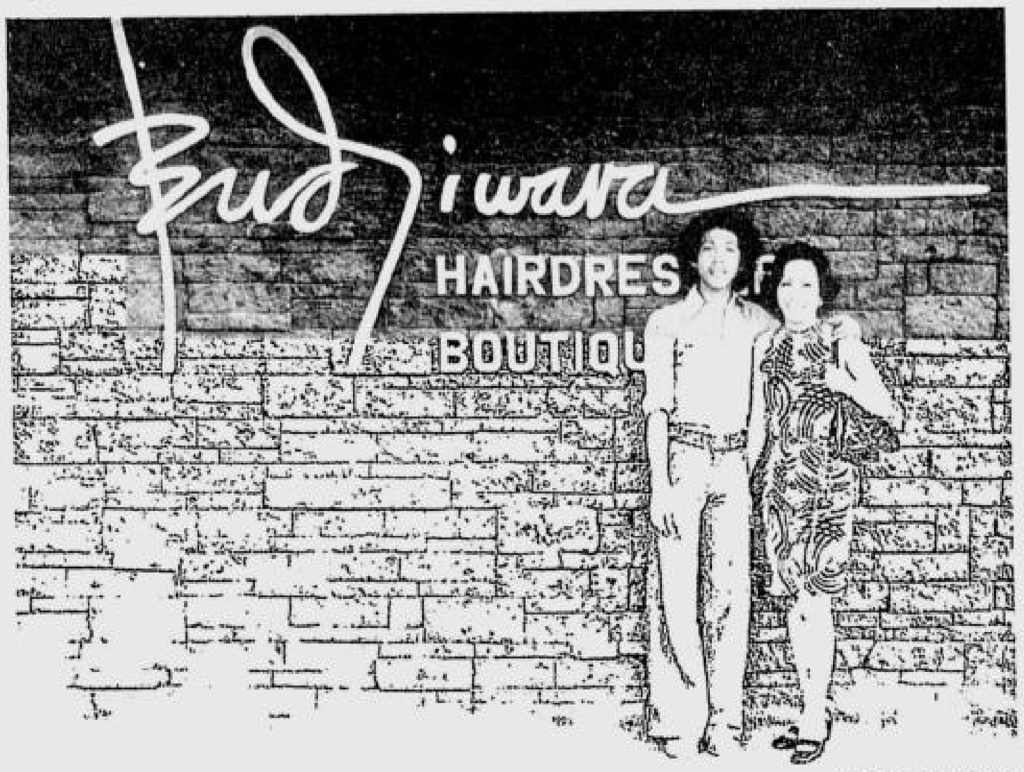

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Layug with a young David (above); with mom Herminia (right) outside the landmark Budjiwara salon in 1975

The nickname "Budji" was a more exotic spelling of his childhood nickname, earned because he was a chubby child. "Budjiwara" was a catchy Latin song popular during the '70s, and became the even more exotic name of the beauty salon he opened in Manila in 1975. His mother was moving back to Manila from Canada, and she wanted Layug to be around when she settled in. Layug, meanwhile, had applied to the Vidal Sassoon school in London primarily as a way to stay in the country longer. Before he knew it, he was graduating and set to work with the celebrity hairdresser. "I left London, promising I would go back. I had no dreams of opening a salon, but friends here were asking me to cut their hair." Layug intensively trained his staff for six months, even getting them to stay in for lessons during the curfew days of Martial Law, and the salon soon became the hippest in Manila—and the most expensive, with Layug raising the bar for hairdressers by charging much higher than average. The ultimate pop culture testament? A mention in the hit song "*Bongga Ka 'Day*" by the '70s band, Hotdog, where being "*bongga*" ('70s swardspeak for fabulous) meant "*buhok mo'y* Budji" (your hair is by Budji).

"That's when I decided to spend more time in the Philippines. Things were still beautiful at the time; we were at the height of our possibilities, Marcos was still good," Layug recalls. "Hong Kong was shaky, and there weren't even any buildings yet in Singapore or Malaysia. Deciding this was home was not a hard decision. There were possibilities for doing something enjoyable and substantial, and doing it here." Layug closed the salon in 1987 when he went into furniture design full-time.

United front

Among the most substantial of those efforts were consultancies for Rustan's and CITEM, the latter under the aegis of then CITEM head Eli Pinto. Layug was virtually given a free hand to assemble a team of designers based on their work, to present an aesthetically united front at the furniture show in Valencia, Spain. "We worked with other designers with factories who blend together, so the presentation is whole, cohesive, and happy." Movement 8, originally composed of Pinto, Layug, Kenneth Cobonpue, Carlo Cordero, Tony Gonzales, Milo Naval, Ann Pamintuan, Tes Pasola and Luisa Robinson, has expanded to include guest designers, and is now "a Philippine brand. In the world of design, it's very strong. It's the face of Philippine design."

That's why Layug is passionate about keeping his self-confessed "baby" alive and kicking in the light of dwindling institutional support. "We have to understand that design spells business, a billion-dollar industry, so there must be focus on supporting it. After all these years of building it up, *wala na?* Our name is already there. We have to make history, set a standard for Philippine design. And we have to be out there. If Paris is for fashion, for furniture design it's Milan. We must have a continuing presence to encourage young designers, so they can aspire to be presented internationally."

The conviction is born more of a need to create beauty and order rather than perpetuating individual brand names, Layug insists. "We only live once, I feel bad when I see the city deteriorating. I'd like to help awaken the sensibilities of people to a better way of life."

Premiere relationship

When he's not working, Layug still travels, spends time with friends and does Pilates to stay in excellent shape. "Life is not all work, it's also about relationships with family and friends." Probably the premiere relationship in his life right now, though, is that with his son David, the son of his brother whom Layug has taken care of since the boy was two months old; David is now a handsome lad of 18. "David changed my priorities in life. I raised him, took care of him, and I really love him, but it's been very challenging!"

Raising a son meant giving up his evenings and weekends and forgetting about a love life. "I don't have the natural instinct of a parent to be patient, and I tried to discipline him like my mom did with me, but it didn't work." Layug's new approach? "I finally decided I'd be his friend. I learned to respect him and not be such a perfectionist, and it's working."

David has understood the situation with his "Papa" from the beginning, as well. "He knows I can take better care of him, and he knows why I don't have a wife. I'm not expressive with words, but it's the small things that build up relationships." It also delights Layug that, while David loves sports and adventure, he also has both a sense of style and an artistic eye. "He sees my painting ands says, more to the right." Painting in acrylic is Layug's current hobby, "but it's not really relaxing. It's emotional, I get too involved. I sometimes wake up in the middle of the night, and I can't sleep until I'm finished."

The travel is both for leisure and to keep seeing what's new in the field of design. "It's important to be constantly exposed," Layug concludes. "We really have to think outside the box and understand that the world is there. Sometimes we are on an island and forget about the whole world, but circumstances are forcing us to look outwards." Still, Budji Layug has proven, quite beautifully, that this can be done without selling out; that it's possible to adapt a borderless, timeless aesthetic, but remain essentially Filipino. "We have to think globally, but not lose ourselves. You need to know your own identity first before you can go global." Q

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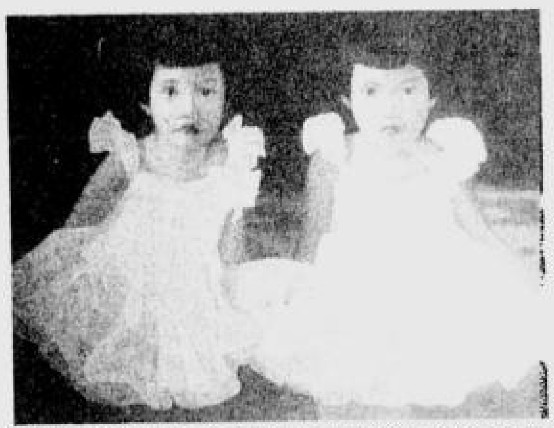

SEEING DOUBLE Marina Cruz's first solo exhibit, "*Kambal*," concentrates on the artist's mother and aunt who are twins. The exhibit also focuses on the similarities of the term *kambal* through replications and repetition of the imagery, attempting to recapture a memory from 50 years ago. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

The Deaths, The Deaths

In the boys' room at San Beda College one February
in the late Fifties, I heard and sobbed over a urinal:
a plane had crashed in Iowa, and Buddy Holly
and the Crickets were gone, along with La Bamba.
The music died, we were to sing years later.

In Westwood, Los Angeles, some decades after,
I pored over a map coming out of the UCLA campus,
steered myself across Wilshire Blvd. and some blocks
to a ritzy graveyard with a few celebrities six feet
under. One was Natalie Wood whom I had loved.

Kicked away the single red rose offered daily,
it was said, by the widower Robert Wagner.
Never did like him, he was too thin-lipped
I thought, just as I despised Bobby Darin
for stealing Sandra Dee away, and Alain Delon

for deflowering, imaginably, my princess
Romy Schneider. They were nasty men
who should have gone earlier, not Jimmy Dean
on his Porsche in Indiana, or Elvis in his bed
with a banana and peanut butter sandwich.

Why, Sal Mineo kept dying in movies, kept
getting shot in the gut. Frankie The Voice, too,
ravaged by Ernest Borgnine in From Here to Eternity,
for which the future lovable Marty paid the price
in a dark Honolulu alley after a knifefight

with amateur boxer Monty Clift, who in reality
was gay like Rock Hudson, or so we were told,
and must have perished from AIDS himself,
though he died long ago and killed us, too,
when he sat and spoke on a witness stand

in Justice at Nuremberg. Kim Novak danced
by a lake in Picnic, cat eyes feeling up William
Holden, whose demise in ...Many-Splendored Thing
caused cheongsam-ed Jennifer Jones to drop an ink
bottle. Anyway, Kim died, too, earlier than

Princess Grace down a winding road down her own kingdom,
at her own daughter's hand. Then Princess Diana
reprised the role, but in a tunnel in Paris, same continent,
different locations, locations. While Batman lives on.
And James Bond. And we'll never know the location

of differences, differences between celluloid and cellular
or the cellophane curtain between screen deaths and
real ones like Bruce Lee's in the dragon's very womb.
Today cellphones tell us and we pass it on, so-and-so
or such-and-such just left us bereaved, and oh how

(so we think) we knew him or her so very well.

Alfred A. Yuson

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Controversies

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AUGUST DELA CRUZ

From 'Interloper' to Mediator—Can Belle Abaya Make the Jump?

This well-coiffed presidential spokesperson was neck-deep in conflict and controversy during the Ramos years. Now armed with a doctorate in dispute resolution, she's a peacemaker for hire

ALTHOUGH belated, her admission was startling and unexpected. "I was never taken seriously," Annabelle "Belle" T. Abaya said of her short but stormy stint as spokesperson of President Fidel V. Ramos.

To say that she was not taken seriously, however, was an understatement. Behind her back, Belle was also the butt of derision by hardboiled journalists who considered her an upstart, an interloper, a trying-hard pawn of the Ayala-Alabang power bloc then alleged to have cornered some of the juicier government contracts. Worse, she was viewed as an alter-ego of her husband, Tony Abaya, a marketing strategist who was said to have sauntered in the Ramos corridors of power unfettered by official title and the accompanying accountability.

Belle, however, has traced the media bashing to her being "an outsider who never trained in media." She said her background was basically marketing. She and her husband Tony, in fact, had introduced Good Housekeeping products, an assortment of household cleaning items sold via networking which became popular in the late '70s and early '80s.

But she started out fine, actually. When named presidential spokesperson following Ramos's inaugural in June, 1992, well-coiffed Belle immediately captured the public imagination. "I was a novelty," she recalled. During presidential sorties, province folk jostled for a photograph with her. "And 98 percent of the time, people asked me for autographs," she laughed.

Then came a "blind item" about the "press secretary who cannot get along well with his spokesperson," apparently referring to her and then Press Secretary Rod Reyes. A reporter asked Belle for comment, to which Reyes was made to react. It was the usual "she said, he said" story except that in this case, the protagonists were Malacañang officials. "I was in a conflict and I had trouble understanding the situation," Belle confessed.

Good neighbors

Belle would quit her Palace job in mid-1993, or rather, was asked to quit by FVR himself. The rumor mills, however, had it that Belle was banished allegedly upon the insistence of then First Lady Ming Ramos, who suspected that the erstwhile presidential spokesperson was too cozy with a high-profile socialite-philanthropist, whom Belle once described as a "refuge of a bedraggled executive." When she lost her job at the Palace, Belle, in fact, would retreat to the LTA Building on Perea Street, where nested the much-vaunted Carpio, Cruz and Villaraza Law Firm, the law firm favored by the socialite, who also lived nearby. Wags often referred to the office then—as it is now—as "Malacañang in Makati."

Belle said the rumor was baseless and unfair to her as well as to Mrs. Ramos. "We are good neighbors in Ayala-Alabang," she assured. As to the socialite, the friendship stemmed from a shared objective to support FVR's visions. Going out to dine, however, she professed surprise that people still recognize her. "I had my 15 minutes, after all," she laughed.

Making lemonade

After quitting, Belle surveyed her options. "When God gives you a lemon, you must know how to make lemonade," she recalled thinking. So in 1995, Belle packed up for the Kennedy School of Government in Harvard University, and joined the roster of Ramos officials, among them Interior Secretary Rafael Alunan and Legal Assistant Renato Salud, who would be admitted to the prestigious university. She left with her three kids, Victor, Margaux and Anton, who also enrolled in schools in Boston.

Even while abroad pursuing academic advancement, Belle wasn't spared the nasty rumors in Manila. Over coffee after a luncheon press conference, a columnist regaled fellow journalists about Belle's claim that she was "responsible for the new image" of US First Lady Hillary Clinton. "What does she know," the columnist opined, eyebrows arched. Asked if it was true, Belle admitted she did a paper on women in politics, Hillary among them, while in Harvard.

Based on her analysis, Belle recalled saying that "Hillary's new hairdo indicated a new image, a new leader that was emerging."

As Ramos spokesperson in 1992

She also claimed being first to predict that Mrs. Clinton would run for the senate. "And I was right," Belle said.

After earning her MA in Public Administration as an Edward Mason Fellow, and with a Vernon Award for Academic Excellence and Leadership to boot, Belle was ready to head back for Manila. Her children however opted to stay behind.

Victor, 30, would graduate from the University of Massachussets (UM), and Margaux, 26, from the Bently College also in Massachussets. The youngest, Anton, recently graduated cum laude from UM and works as a consultant in an infotech firm in Boston. "So, *yan*, we shuttle between Manila and Boston *tuloy*," Belle exclaimed. She resumed work with FVR's Lakas NUCD party in Manila.

Sitting it out

After the 1998 presidential elections where Lakas bet Speaker Jose de Venecia lost dismally to Joseph Estrada, Belle returned to Boston initially to visit her children. "I was told that the Estrada administration would not last long, so I thought I'd sit it out there in the US," she said.

One day, while browsing through the courses offered at the UM's graduate school, Belle found the course "conflict resolution." She remembered the tumultuous conflicts in her life, and decided to enroll for an MA in Dispute Resolution. "I learned a whole new field," she said. When her student visa expired in 2000, Belle decided to pursue doctoral studies in conflict resolution at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at the Tufts University. It was a two-year course which she finished in 12 months. She came home in 2001 no longer just Belle Abaya, but as Dr. Annabelle Abaya. She would set up the Conflict Resolution Group Foundation, Inc., an office that offers the country's first professional mediation services.

Mediation, according to Belle, is not exactly a new field. In fact, the country's indigenous judicial system was based on mediation, she said. But mediators must have the proper skills or they would just end up like lawyers, which mediators are not.

According to Belle, mediators do not have their own agenda. "They go by the agenda of the people seeking mediation," she explained before a group training to be mediators, among them Presidential Legal adviser Merceditas Gutierrez, National Bureau of Investigation chief Reynaldo Wycoco, former senator Loren Legarda and former Philippine National Police chief Edgardo Aglipay.

In fact, she said mediators "don't make decisions for the clients." Rather, the duty of the mediator is to bring the protagonists to a "mutually satisfying solution" based on what they want, and have this agreement brought to court for enforcement. It is a shorter, simpler and less expensive alternative to a court trial, she said.

Avoiding conflict

According to her, Filipinos, in general, would like to avoid conflict, much less find ways to settle the conflict. Faced with dispute, a Filipino was most likely to develop AIDS, that is the Avoid, Ignore, Deny Syndrome.

"Ignoring someone is a most civilized form of murder, a psychological way of killing a person," she explained. But the conflict would not be resolved, Belle added.

A grievance mechanism, on the other hand, would be "adversarial" and often suspected as favoring the party that initiated it, she explained. In contrast, mediation focuses on the persons seeking mediation, rather than the mediator or the process itself. "It's a constant holding of hands to bring the tension down," Belle said.

She cited the feud between the principal and the teachers in one public school in Metro Manila. The principal wanted to fire a group of teachers, who themselves wanted to oust the principal. In the process, both parties stopped talking to each other. "It was a miracle that the school survived," Belle said.

As mediator, Belle said she talks with the parties separately to find out the source of their dispute. Then, she inquires about the demands, which are not necessarily their "interests," Belle explained. "Interests are what really matter to the person," she noted. In most cases, the "interests" or wants are not explicit but just implied. It takes a trained mediator to spot this, Belle said.

She found the contending teachers "open" to the idea of resolving the conflict. "If there is no openness from both parties, there is no ground to proceed," she also said. It was a tedious process, but harmony was restored without firing a single shot, so to speak. The principal retained her post, and the teachers too stayed put. But Belle maintained it was the school personnel themselves who resolved their conflict.

"A mediator does not provide legal or spiritual advice, or provide therapy. The job is simply that, to mediate," she explained.

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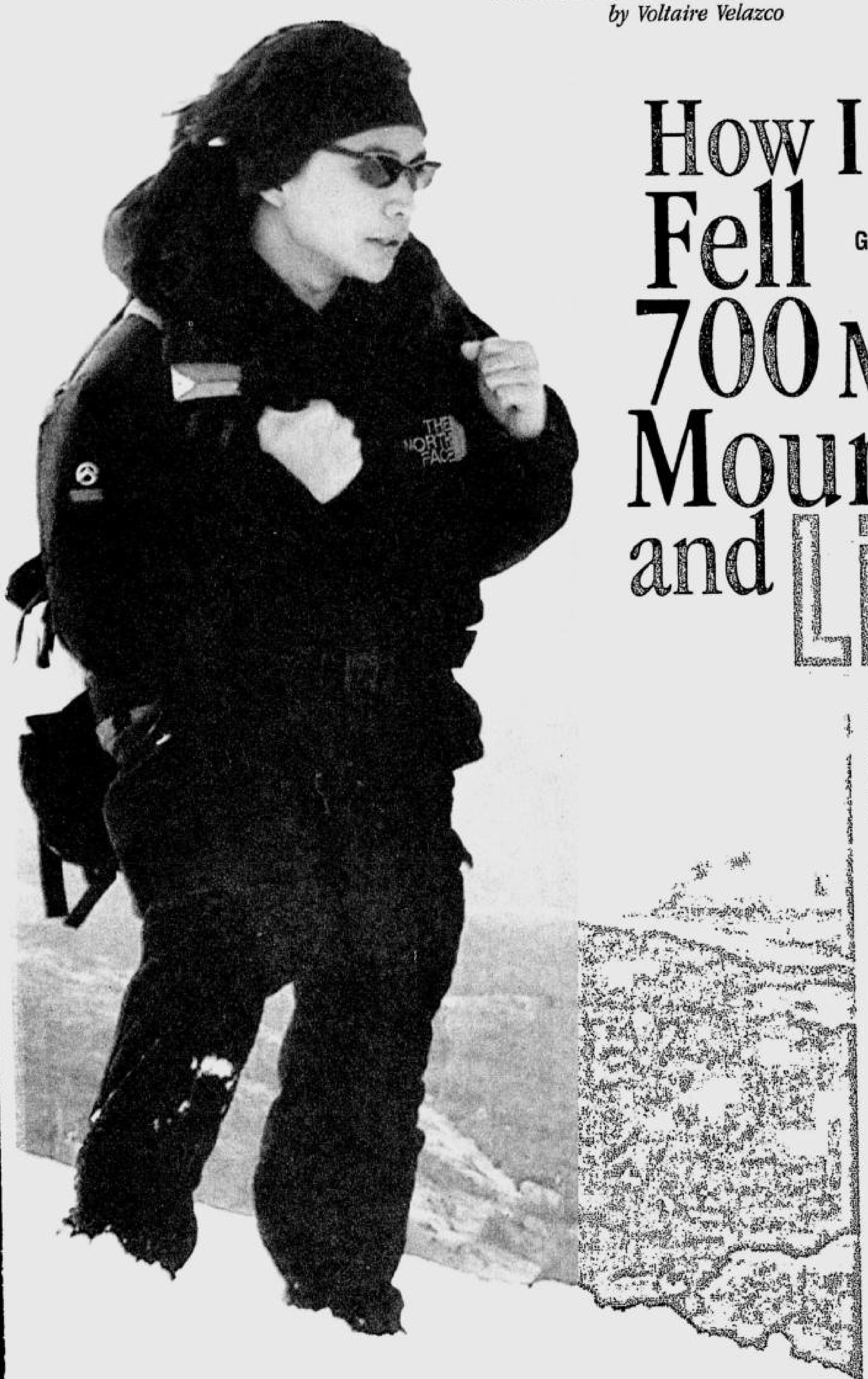
by Voltaire Velazco

How I Fell 700 Meters Off A Mountain—and Lived

Globetrotting mountaineer Voltaire Velazco has climbed peaks in 18 countries, but this Pinoy physicist, who's training to climb Everest while working on his Ph.D in Germany, won't forget the day the snow on New Zealand's Mt. Taranaki sent him plummeting almost to his death



The author before his fall and recovering in hospital (below)

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I HAVE imagined myself a hundred times dying like this, and I submitted willingly. Oddly enough, I did not feel fear at that moment, and I still wonder why. The roller coaster ride down the steep mountain had taken its toll. There was blood everywhere, and I couldn't help but marvel at the rarity of the scene: blood of the purest red spilled on snow of the purest white. I was bleeding from my arms, hands, legs and chest, and it only took a few seconds before excruciating pain set in. My legs had gone numb from the anaesthesizing cold and were almost useless.

The day before, it had all seemed joyful. New Zealand's Mt. Taranaki, which is often shrouded in clouds, finally revealed its mystical self and dominated the landscape. It is a mountain sacred to the native Maoris, my 6-foot 400-lb Maori guide Buzz told me. He took me where I would start my solo climb that fateful day in November, 2004.

I had been sifting questions in my mind when I found myself hanging dangerously on a steep ice wall. The weather had changed from bad to worse, the ice became more hostile and the winds howled at 60 kph. I got lost and climbed a steep section called "Shark's Tooth." I thought I'd make a shortcut. I was 18 meters below the summit, and it was 4:30 p.m. At 4 I should have been on my way back, whether I reached the summit or not. But how could I turn back so close to the goal?

I headed on. Every mountaineer has been in a situation where he knows that one false step, one slip or one stupid move could mean losing his life. One of the virtues taught by solo climbing is silencing the mind and contemplating the divine. However, as the clouds cleared for a moment and the steep icy cliffs became visible, I thought of imminent danger, and concern overwhelmed my mind. Unconsciously, I started reciting a contrite prayer I remembered from grade school. I recited it again and again, each time faster than the last one as if I was trying to recite as many as I could.

Approaching storm

The strong winds packed the clouds closer. A storm was approaching. Sharp sleet moving at 60 kph pelted my jacket and my exposed face like missiles. I was on brittle ice and suddenly, while negotiating a steep corner, my crampons lost grip. I plummeted to a steep snowfield. My feet were instantly paralyzed and became useless. I kept falling. I tried to stop the fall with the ice axe, but I was falling too fast. In a split second, the ice axe slipped from my hand and tumbled down, lost forever. I couldn't believe this was happening to me! I was being dragged down the icy mountain by gravity. Faster and faster, I fell. My gloves were ripped off and my palms grazed badly. I tried to kick the crampons into the ice in an effort to get a grip, but my shoes got ripped off one after the other.

There was no choice but to sacrifice my elbows, to thrust them into the hard ice and use them like hooks. This worked, painfully, as my elbows were scraped to the bones. I managed to stop my fall for a few meters, but I couldn't hold for long. Soon I was sliding again, rolling and tumbling down like a rag in a washing machine. Razor-sharp fern was scraping me all the way down.

On the edge

Fortunately, the hard fall that almost always could have been fatal, based on statistics, was cushioned somewhat by my backpack (thanks to the guys at Trek Philippines for making sturdy packs). But my head was swimming and I got very disoriented. I kept getting smashed on all sides as I slid down further, each blow draining the life out of me, until I finally accepted that this was it, it was my destiny to die here. I had lots of time to think about it, as time seemed to stretch from the adrenaline rush in my brain. I was fully conscious and aware of what was happening. I could see the ocean at a distance and the green fields below the mountain; at the same time I was aware of the strong gushing sound of my jacket against the wind and the smell of my own blood.

After a few more hundred meters, I hit a spot blanketed by the softest snow. Friction from the fresh snow finally stopped my fall. I found myself face down on the edge of a gully. I later realized that two meters further down was the edge of a cliff with a vertical drop of more than 50 meters. Much later, I would learn that I had fallen 700 meters and that right below the cliff before me was where they would find most of the 64 people who had died climbing this mountain. According to statistics, the mountain claims two lives every year. At the time of my fall, only one had been recorded for that year so far.

I have always had trust in science. I believe in facts and was trained to think in terms of Physics, that everything has an explanation. But that day, I encountered an experience that I cannot comprehend. If miracles existed, it happened during those last two meters.

Working cellphone

But time was running out. If the fall didn't kill me, the cold surely would. I summoned all my strength, took my knife and used it, stabbing and holding on to the ice to hoist myself out of the gully. I only had socks, but this time, my feet were frozen hard as wood, so I used them to kick my insteps into the ice without feeling any pain. I reached into my pack and took what I could use: extra gloves, extra socks, map, phone. It was a good thing my phone still worked! I dialed for help but couldn't hold on to the phone with my badly injured hands. It slipped and started to slide away, but I quickly caught it. But the map was blown away by the wind so I couldn't identify my position precisely. An hour passed, and a faint beating sound of helicopter rotor blades gave me a bit of hope that ended in bitter disappointment as the sound faded away. They could not find me. It was too cloudy and turbulent on the mountain; the storm was too strong for the helicopter. They said they would send a rescue party.

Three hours had passed; it became darker and colder, the snowfall was becoming heavier, my wounds froze, my feet were numb and hard as bricks. I was shivering violently and having

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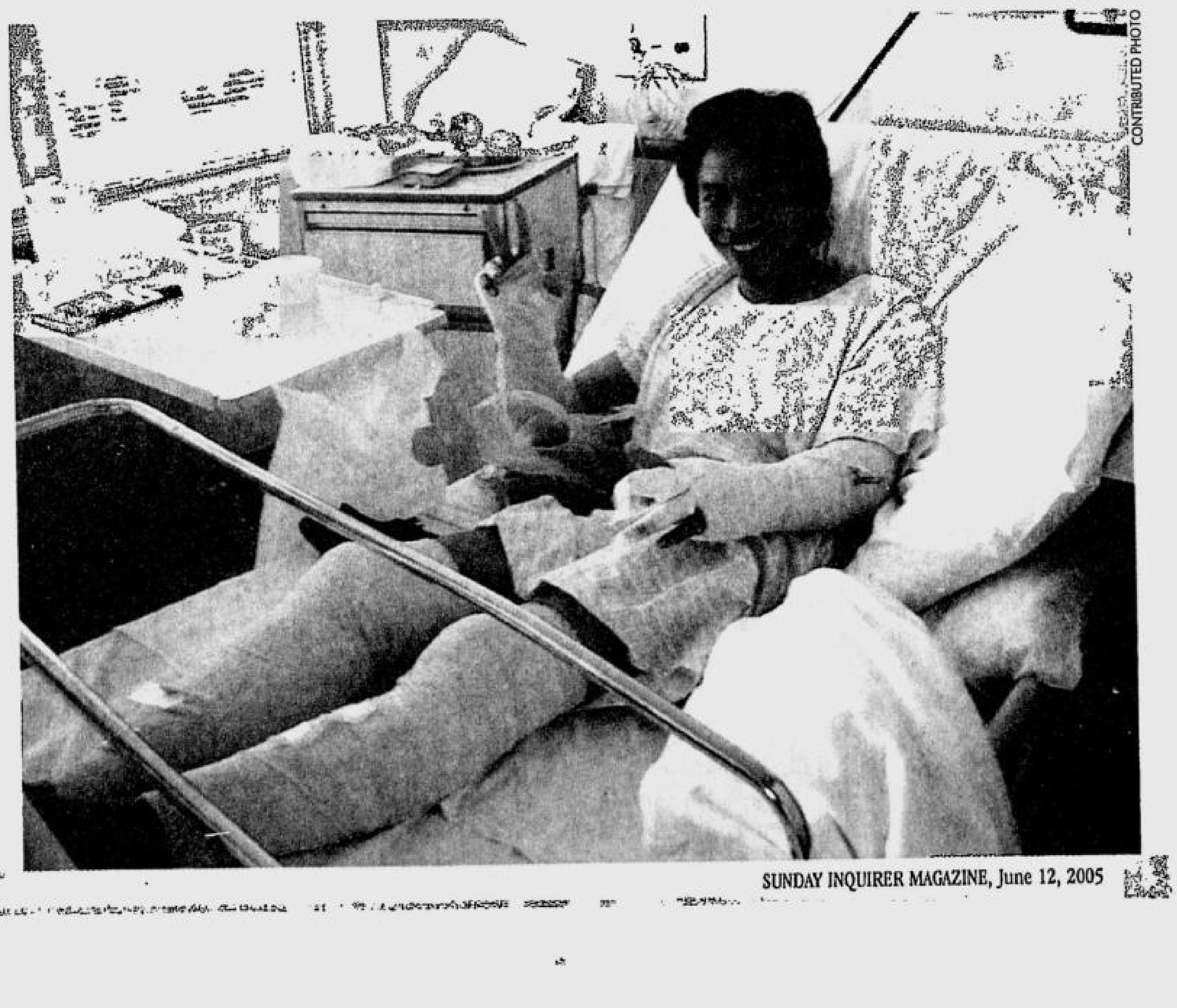

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Young Achievers

by Lorenzo Z. Manguiat

Losing Her Eyes, Gaining A Purpose

Minnie Juan may have been blind since she was 4, but that didn't stop this jolly English major from graduating as college valedictorian. Knowing the odds first hand, she's made it her mission to inspire visually impaired children to set their sights higher

RAFFY LERMA

BORN seven months premature and weighing a mere 2.2 pounds, Minnie Juan's name derives from her diminutive size at birth. But the tiny infant has made it big, overcoming her physical limitations and handicap with outstanding academic achievements.

The visually-impaired Minnie, 20, graduated as Trinity College batch 2005's valedictorian and magna cum laude, with a degree in English.

As a premature baby, she was placed in an incubator for more than a month and suffered complications that led to partial blindness.

One night when Minnie was four, she was rushed to hospital because she felt a burning sensation in her eyes. Her retinas had hemorrhaged due to oxygen toxicity. After three unsuccessful operations, she completely lost her sight.

"I felt really frustrated at first because when I was still able to see, I loved looking at picture books and at different colors," Minnie reveals. "Then suddenly everything went black. I cried because of the pain in my eyes, but I didn't feel any pain in my heart," she recounts. "Young as I was, I didn't feel any anger. If I became blind at a later age, then maybe that would have been more painful emotionally."

Growing up in San Carlos City, Pangasinan, Minnie attended a regular elementary school together with other able-bodied children. Her parents Angelo and Maria Lilia, both doctors, had wanted her to experience a normal childhood.

But the load was a lot tougher for her. After regular classes at the Birhen Milagrosa Child Learning School in the morning, Minnie took braile classes in the afternoon.

Lika a game

"It was tough, but I found enjoyment in what I was doing. Learning braile was like a game to me. It was much easier to learn because I was having fun," admits this second of four children

Showing a passion for learning, Minnie became a consistent honor student from fourth grade onwards. She eventually became valedictorian of her high school class, but soon had to face the tough decision of choosing which college to attend and what course to take up.

School-hunting was far from being a pleasant experience, however. Though Minnie passed one school's requirements, it refused to admit her because she was blind. Another school was willing to accept her but wanted one of her parents to accompany her in class.

Eventually, Minnie enrolled at Trinity, having learned about its Disabled Enabled and Empowerment Program (DEEP).

Love for reading

"I always wanted to teach, and I love writing and reading anyway, so why not AB English?" recalls Minnie.

The transition from being a high school student in the countryside to college student in the city was difficult, especially for visually-impaired Minnie. Adjustment was difficult and she got homesick. She went to class with her guide, Anson Taladtad.

Although Minnie wasn't the first visually-impaired student to attend Trinity, some professors were admittedly wary of having her as their student.

Recalls Alona Guevara, Minnie's professor in seven English subjects: "I felt some hesitation at first because I didn't have any training in teaching blind students," she said. "But after a few months, I found Minnie to be more brilliant than other students who were supposed to be normal. She was one of the most driven students I've ever had. She never used her condition as an excuse."

Thanks to technological advancements, Minnie was able to do most of her paperwork on a computer program that allowed her to hear what she typed. "The quality of work she submitted was outstanding and had minimal errors," reveals Guevara.

Sharp mind

More than just being a visually impaired girl with a sharp mind, Minnie was also considered one of the nicest people on campus. "She's so jolly and pleasant, it doesn't seem like she has a bad bone in her body," says Guevara.

Apart from excelling academically and being one of the friendlier students around, Minnie was involved in several extra-curricular activities. She became active with DEEP and the Youth for Christ, and sang during school presentations and concerts outside of school.

In her thesis, Minnie tackled the subject of blind writers and how they knew the world through their literature. She took five short stories from blind writers and analyzed them.

Now that she has graduated, Minnie is determined to take the path she had wanted to tread all along. She wants to teach, specifically blind children.

Minnie is planning to go back to Pangasinan and take courses on special education. "My mission is to inspire other people, blind or sighted. I want to be of service to blind people by educating them. Hopefully, that's what God wants me to do."

Minnie Juan might have lost her sight as a child, but she has her eye on a bright future ahead.

From 'Interloper'

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Since she arrived in 2001, Belle has directed the training programs for over 400 mediators and 1,000 mediation advocates in Manila, Cebu and Davao. She assisted in the drafting of the law on Alternative Dispute Resolution, which was passed as RA 9285 (Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004) last year. She also introduced the use of mediation at the National Labor Relations Commission, the Intellectual Property Office, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Board of Investments, Department of Agrarian Reform and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. Professor Abaya also teaches at the Asian Institute of Management and at the De La Salle University's Graduate School of Business.

Mediation, according to Belle, is definitely cheaper and faster than getting a lawyer and going to court. "I only charge 10 percent of what lawyers charge," she said. A standard fee is P5,000 advance payment for three sessions with the parties who are seeking mediation. She does not charge acceptance fees.

But mediation has its limitations. Murders, for instance, cannot be mediated. But rape could be mediated with the help of the community, as had happened in a recent case in the Cordilleras where Belle mediated. Instead of going to court, the complainant and the defendant met with the local leaders and an agreement was met: The defendant agreed to support the complainant's education in the presence of the community elders. "If the defendant reneged, the community elders would punish him. The defendant's community also promised to help support the education of the complainant. It became a community effort," she said.

"There is always that one magical moment when mediation can happen. If a mediator misses it, then mediation may not work anymore," Belle explained. She cited the case of actress Rosanna Roces and cosmetic surgeon Dr. Vicki Belo, erstwhile bosom buddies now locked in bitter legal dispute. Roces, according to reports, was incensed when Belo was "traced" to be the source of a rumor that Roces's teenage daughter was pregnant. Belo denied this, saying she merely inquired from a movie reporter about the veracity of the rumor which she (Belo) heard from another source. Belo sued Roces for slander and oral defamation, and Roces countered with a similar suit. "*Sayang*. I would have wanted to mediate, but the situation is overripe," Belle said.

For someone who was pictured as difficult to get along with and who acquired the reputation of having made too many enemies in so short a time, Belle has indeed come a long way.

This Week

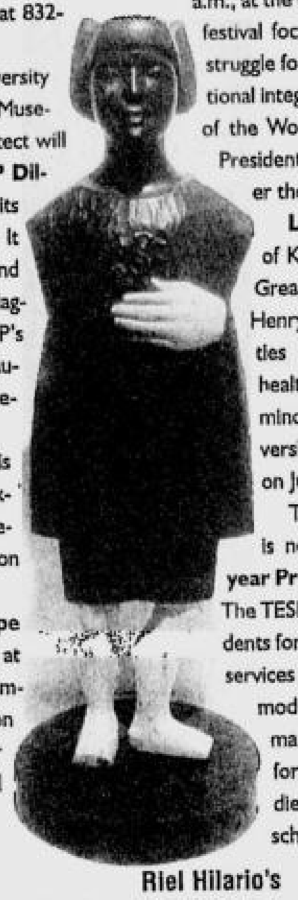
Art

There will be a lecture-forum of the exhibition **Manlilikha: Artisans of the Philippine Traditional Crafts** on June 18, Saturday, 1:45 p.m. at the Bulwagang Pambansang Alagad ng Sining (formerly MKP Multipurpose Room), 4/L Cultural Center of the Philippines, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City. Manlilikha is the first of a series of exhibitions presented by the Museo ng Kalinangang Pilipino to feature local traditional artisans. The exhibit runs until June 20. Slots are limited. Please call Museo (Gale Solon) at 832-1125 ext. 1508 to 1509 or 832-5094.

To celebrate the 97th year of the University of the Philippines' founding, the Vargas Museum and the Office of the Campus Architect will show the **plans and design of the UP Diliman** when the University first moved its main campus to Quezon City in 1949. It will feature drawings, scale models and photographs of the State University's flagship site. The exhibition will open on UP's Foundation Day, June 18, running until August 3, at the Lobby of UP Vargas Museum, Diliman, Quezon City.

Visual artist Riel Hilario returns to his beginnings as a woodcarver with an exhibit of seven wood sculptures for his recent show **Kadkadduwa** at the Boston Gallery. The exhibit runs until June 22.

Romeo Lee reinvents himself as **Pope Lee I** at the Mag:net Gallery, located at The Loop, ELJ Center, ABS-CBN compound, Eugenio Lopez Jr. St., Quezon City. The show runs until June 25. For details, call Shey at 410-0995 or e-mail magnet@pldtdls.net



Riel Hilario's "*Balasang*," on view at The Boston Gallery

Cinema

As part of the 30th Anniversary of the RP-China Diplomatic Relations, the **Chinese Film Festival 2005** is open to the public for free until June 13 at Cinema 4, Shang Cineplex, 6/L Shangri-La Plaza, Mandaluyong City.

UP Film Institute hosts this year's **Pink Filmfest** with screenings extended up to June 22. Catch films including "American Pink," "Chuck & Buck," "Bathhouse," "*Los Novios Bulgaros* (Bulgarian Lovers)," "Inter.m@tes", "The Films of Rosa ng Maynila," "*Mga Pusang Gala*," "So Happy Together," "Pinoy Pinkies" and "Euro Pink," at the UP Film Center, UP Diliman, Quezon City. For particulars and possible added screenings, interested parties may call 926-3640 (direct line), 9262722 (telefax) or e-mail upfilminstitute@hotmail.com.

Onstage

As part of the Kalayaan 2005 celebration at the Rizal Park, Concert at the Park presents **Pamana ng Lahi**, featuring PLM Hiyas ng Maynilad Dance Company and PLM Rondalla on June 12 at 5 p.m. at the Rizal Open-Air Auditorium, Manila. Admission is free of charge. Concert at the Park is regularly aired on Channel 4 every Sunday at 5 p.m.

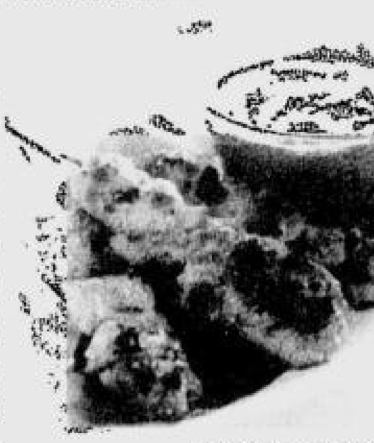
Ballet at the Park presents Ballet Manila on June 18, and Vella Damian School of Ballet on June 25. Ballet at the Park is a seasonal presentation at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium, Rizal Park, Manila, starting 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Food

Makati Shangri-La features the **distinct flavor of the Ayu fish**, a seasonal favorite imported directly from the fresh mountain streams of Japan, only until June 15 at Inagiku. Inagiku is located at the mezzanine level of Makati Shangri-La. For inquiries and reservations, call 840-5961 or 813-8888 loc. 7842.

Experience Malaysia at the Restaurant Riviera of The Heritage Hotel Manila this month its international buffet spread for lunch and dinner daily for only P950 net. For inquiries and reservations, call 854-8888.

Dusit Hotel Nikko's authentic Thai restaurant, Benjarong, features ocean's bounty with **Oan Da Man Varieties**, offering guests a wide choice among the seven a la carte dishes including Lapu-lapu, shrimp, prawns and squid. Oan Dan Man is being offered during lunch and dinner until June 19. Benjarong Royal Thai Restaurant is located at the mezzanine level of Dusit Hoel Nikko. For inquiries, call 867-3333.



Taste the Chicken Satay at The Heritage Hotel Restaurant at Riviera

Fire up your Friday nights with non-stop partying only at **Drink 'til You Drop** at the Monet Bar-Lounge of Holiday Inn Galleria Manila. Chill out with the best mixed drinks, favorite beer brews and a round of pica-pica from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight for only P380 net. Call 633-7111 ext. 7418.

New World Hotel's fine Cantonese restaurant Emperor Court presents Yok Sin cuisine, traditional Chinese dishes using medicinal ingredients, in **Healthy... Wealthy... Wise**, offered until June 26. A special menu with a selection of tonic soup and entrees believed to balance the Yin and Yang, energize, beautify, and even prolong life, is available for lunch and dinner. For more information and reservations, call the New World Hotel at 811-6888.

Lunch at the **Legend Villas** this month. The hotel coffee shop and restaurant Lola Maria presents a wide variety of international lunch selections for its Businessman's Lunch promo, which includes the soup of the day, one entrée inclusive of rice or vegetables, dessert and beverage for only P195.00+. The Legend Villas is located in Pioneer Street, Mandaluyong. For reservations, call 633-1501 to 10.

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The **Professional Regulation Commission** (PRC) announces that all professional identification cards filed for renewal during the period from the month of April will be released on July 18, and not on June 13 as previously announced. All those concerned may contact the PRC at 736-2248 or 314-0009.

Kalayaan 2005: Kababaihan at Karangalan! Independence Day Festival will be held on June 12, 8 a.m., at the Quirino Grandstand in Luneta. The festival focuses on the role of women in the struggle for freedom and the restoration of national integrity in solidarity with the Centennial of the Women's Movement in the Philippines. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will deliver the keynote address.

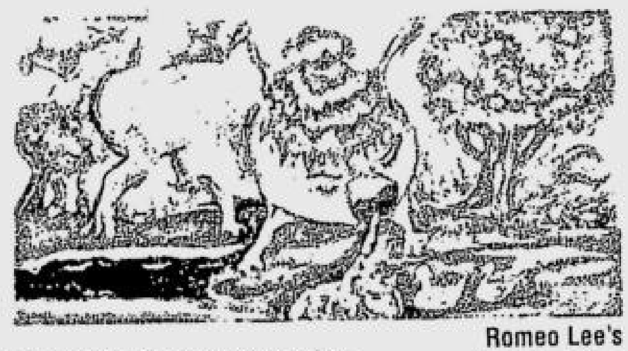
Learn about the esoteric wisdom of King Solomon, Moses, Alexander the Great, Leonardo da Vinci, Albert Einstein, Henry Ford and other famous personalities and how to use this to achieve healthy, prosperity, power and peace of mind in a free seminar at Room 101, University Hotel, UP Diliman, Quezon City, on June 12 at 2-5 p.m. Call 427-7419.

The Center for Asian Culinary Studies is now accepting students for its **one-year Professional Culinary Arts Program.** The TESDA-accredited program prepares students for their professional entry into the food services industry, integrating classical and modern culinary techniques and kitchen management skills. Tuition covers uniforms, chef's kits, manual and all ingredients. Enrollment is ongoing, classes are scheduled to begin on June 13. For reservations, call 726-9326 or 725-5089. The Center for Asian Culinary Studies is at 455 P. Guevarra St. San Juan.

There will be a **photography seminar for kids** from June 13 to 15 at the Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila, open to kids ages 7 to 12. Contact the Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation through 843-5341 or 813-7420, located at 7/F Comfoods Bldg., Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City.

A seminar-workshop on **Effective Media Relations** will be held on June 16-17 at the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication (AIJC). For inquiries, please call AIJC at 727-6799 or 725-4227, telefax 725-4228, look for Mr. Paul Alaras or Ms. Baba Marinas. Or send e-mail through aijcmla@yahoo.com.

There will be a **Design Excellence Competition** for the New CCP District with the CCP Master Business and Development Plan (MBDP) as the basis for the design competition. The competition shall cover the design for: Cluster I-the Promenade area; and Cluster II-the Art Sanctuary. The designs will include general architectural, landscape architectural and urban design for the two clusters with the emphasis on the new performing arts theater building to be located behind the existing Tanghalang Pambansa Building (CCP Main Building). The competition is divided into two categories: Professional Architects and Architecture Students. The entries for the professional level shall be in the name of an individual registered architect or a partnership with registered architects. The competitors shall name other consultants in his/her design team-planners, urban designers, and landscape architects. Students of architecture shall be a group competition (minimum of two students per group) and are required to get the endorsement of their respective deans. Submission of entries is on July for professionals and September for Students. A panel made up of the screening committee, three experts in the design fields and three from the NCCA and CCP will do the final judging. Around P1 million is earmarked for prizes for the winning entries. Winning entries will also be exhibited at the CCP main gallery in December, and featured in a special issue of Bluprint Magazine. Deadline for registration is on June 15. For more information, please call the CCP Complex Development Office at 551-7248 or 832-1125 loc. 1125 to 26.



Romeo Lee's "Untitled," on view at the Mag:net Gallery

There will be a **two-day seminar on managing the cooperative's competitive advantage strategically**, June 16-17 at the UP Solair, UP Diliman, Quezon City. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

Join the **Wetter & Wilder street party** at Manila Pavilion Hotel's Orosa Entrance on June 17, starting 6 p.m., with live band performances from Retrospect, Family Cruz, Music Network, Fast Track, Major Impact and Xzel. Tickets are at P200 net consumable.

Discover the wonders of **Filipino Sign Language** at the De La Salle-College of St. Benilde's School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies. Classes will run from June 20 to September 10. Registration fee is P2,400. Enrollment is ongoing until June 18. Attending the Basic Orientation on Deafness Seminar on June 18, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, is a prerequisite to enrolling in the FSL classes.

Partake of the "Ocean's Bounty" at Benjarong Royal Thai Restaurant

Women's Feature Service Philippines will hold a seminar-workshop on **Making the Most of Media: Basic Media Relations and Documentation Training** on June 18 at 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Las Palmas Hotel, 1616 Mabini St. (near Pedro Gil St.) Malate, Manila. The workshop will train government agencies, NGOs and private organizations to effectively work with media, package their materials for media use and learn the different types and methods of documentation. Seminar fee is P1,800 for those who pay on or before June 14. Regular price is P2,000. For inquiries, call 525-9721, text 0917-5362438 or email wfsphil@tri-isys.com.

On June 18 and 19, fathers staying at the Dusit Hotel Nikko with a minimum food purchase of P2,000 would be treated to the latest BMW automobile test drive. Other special treats await Dad and the whole family. Call Dusit Hotel Nikko at 867-3333 for inquiries and reservations.

X-manila

Enjoy the serenity of Boracay while being rejuvinated at the **Mandala Spa**. Treat yourself and your loved ones to our special monsoon season offering for the months of June and July. Restore and refresh body, mind and spirit with a three-day, two-night holiday in a private villa. Inclusions for single or double occupancy are daily breakfast for two, daily Yoga class for two, and one Mandala Signature Massage with a luxurious hot floral bath, for USD$157 per villa/per night, not inclusive of 10 percent service charge. Call (36)288-5858 or e-mail info@mandalaspa.com.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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Jess Abrera

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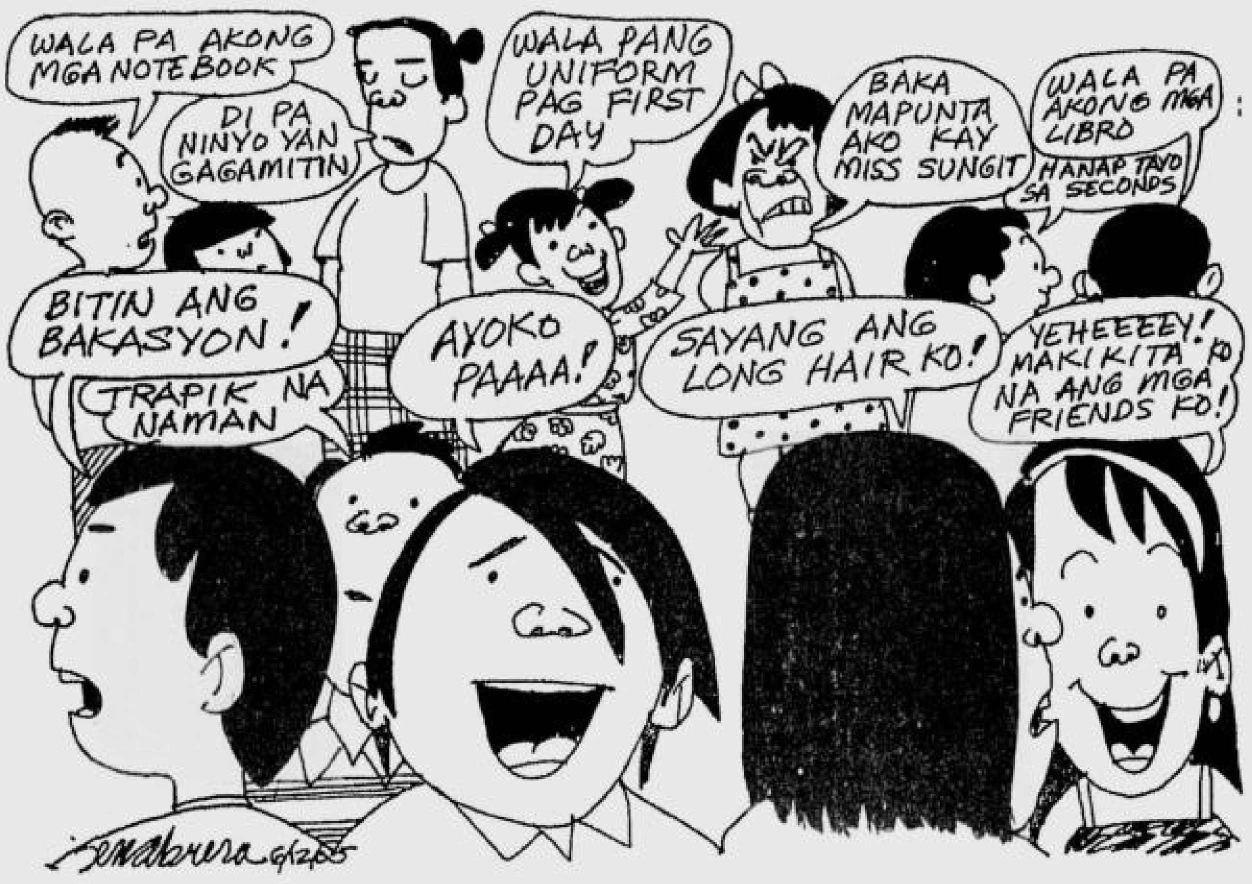
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AYOKO PAAAA!
SAYANG ANG LONG HAIR KO!
YEHEEEEY! MAKIKITA KO NA ANG MGA FRIENDS KO!

How I ...*from page 4*

delusions. I thought of many things and contemplated dying. I also thought of home, my warm country, warm apple pie and Coca Cola.

A rescue operation in darkness would be very difficult without information about my exact location. How could they find me in a snowstorm in an area that measured thousands of hectares? It could take days.

However, I thought that the darkness could work to my advantage, as well. In the vast area of the mountain, I was just a dot. But the darkness would serve me, would set me apart. I took the LED flashlight clipped to my belt and knew that, even with its low light, it could be seen for miles because its blue light would be reflected back by the ice particles. I contacted the rescue party again by phone. I had a few seconds to speak before the battery display turned red and the phone went dead.

At 8:30 pm, I saw a signal flare 1,000 meters below my position. I signaled back with the flashlight, hoping that they would see it. To save on battery, I would regularly turn the flashlight off, count to 500 and turn it on again. I was slowly falling asleep. My shivers were dissipating, a sign that hypothermia was about to set in. I felt so thirsty and terribly hungry.

The best ride

I knew my feet were in terrible shape. I could not feel and could barely move them. The thought of losing my feet was terrible: no more walking on sand; no Kendo, a martial art I loved; no running. Still, I thought I might still save my feet. I focused my mind and tried to move my toes, then the ankles until I could bend both feet. I disciplined myself to move my feet a hundred times, rest a few minutes and repeat the movements. I did this half asleep.

Six hours in the bitter cold and it had not stopped snowing. I almost had no energy left. At 10:30 pm, I saw a pale white light at the corner of my eye. Could it be....yes, yes, it's them! Finally, the rescue party had arrived. They tucked me into a body bag and brought me down using ingenious roping techniques, a very rough ride that, for me, was the best ride I've ever had. It took four more hours to get to the ambulance. Alec, a volunteer, kept me awake by talking to me during the rescue. Rob, a medic, stayed by my side until I got to the hospital.

I arrived at the hospital at 5 a.m., more that 12 hours after the accident, and got my fourth shot of morphine to ease the pain from my injuries. My feet were black and blue, badly frostbitten. They said they might have to amputate some of my toes, but I begged them to do what they could to save my feet. A Maori nurse and an African doctor treated my feet and after a few hours, my feet showed good signs of recovery.

At the hospital, I met many people who showed me kindness. The police officer who answered my phone call visited me, and so did my rescuers, all local volunteers. They could not believe I survived. I landed in the New Zealand newspapers the next day, and nurse Carolyn gave me the front page, where news about my accident was published.

And oh, yes, upon learning about my accident, Buzz, the Maori guide, was also there almost every day.

I learned a lot from these people, and my life would change forever. Despite the accident (or because of it), it was probably the best journey I've ever been on. I have not seen any place that would compare with the natural beauty of New Zealand. Now I've realized that the best part of New Zealand is its people. Thanks to them, I have a chance to live again. ◘

Voltaire Velazco, 26, is a naturalist working on his Ph.D in Physics at a university in Germany. He may be the first Filipino to conduct atmospheric research in Spitsbergen in the high Arctic. His current research deals with finding better ways to monitor changes in the earth's atmosphere as part of efforts to combat the adverse effects of climate change. Born and raised on a farm in Silang, Cavite, he has been mountaineering in 18 countries. He is currently training with a German Alpine team and is preparing to put a Philippine flag on top of Mt. Everest.

CALLING ALL SPORTS HEROES

Welcome to the MVP Cup

The Ultimate Sports Advocate

The inaugural MVP Cup is more than the latest International Badminton Federation (IBF)-sanctioned prestige event on the international calendar. It's even more than the glamor and hoopla that have been building up over the weeks; after all it will be the first time Asia will take on Europe on such a scale. There is a deeper relevance to it all.

PLDT and SMART Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan, after whom the Cup was named, is a true champion of sports, at the forefront of local sports development throughout his life. "Badminton was actually my first game after my Filipino Chinese friends taught me the sport," he quietly explains. After that came pelota, squash and his well-known support of local basketball through the PBA exploits of the Talk 'N Text squad.

He not only espouses the "sound mind, sound body" dictum, he lives it. Mr. Pangilinan, who works out regularly, looks to be at a fitness level men half his age aspire to. He moves briskly and speaks forthright with a calm focus. At the helm of telecommunications giants PLDT and SMART, he feels he is at a position to advance local sports, particularly badminton, to an unprecedented level, already supporting a grassroots national badminton team formation with the PLDT and SMART Lead to Gold Program.

Welcome to the MVP Cup. Held from July 12-14 at the Philsports Arena, it will highlight the greatest talents from badminton's two strongest continents, Asia and Europe. PLDT is joined by wireless leader SMART. "Similar to the Ryder Cup in Golf, this event invites the top players in the sport to compete against each other in ways they normally aren't used to. Due to the requirements for player selections, the entire continents of Europe and Asia will cheer for their respective teams, and no single nation will be responsible for the team's victory. It will be a continental team effort that will unify both teams/continents and provide a bigger rivalry that has never been seen in the sport before. This is the type of unique event that SMART is proud to support," said Boy R. Martirez, Head of Personal Communications and Mobile Services of SMART.

The MVP Cup is a clarion call for the entire nation to look inwards and further for world-class mettle. This clash of badminton titans will do well in inspiring Filipinos by giving them a glimpse of high-caliber athletics to be of sound mind and body. It will make us appreciate what it really takes to be true champions.

PLDT and SMART Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan together with SMART PCMSD Head Boy Martirez confer with former first lady Ming Ramos on plans for the upcoming MVP Cup this July

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